ANNO VICESIMO SECVNDO HENRICI OCTAVI.

STATVTA BONVM PVBLICVM CONCERNENTIA EDITA IN. perliamento tento apud vveſtm̃, xvi. die Ianuarii, Anno regni prꝛpotentiſsimi et metuendiſsimi Anglie et Francie regis, fidei defensoris, et domini hibernie, Henrici octaui. xxii. poſt diuerſas prorogationes eiuſdem perliamenti primo inchoati apud Londinum. iii. die Nouembris, Anno. xxi. eiuſdem regis: et inde adiurnati et prorogati vſq; ad Vueſtmonaſterium, et ibidem continuati per xliiii dies, Videlicet uſq; ad. xvii. diem Decembris: et ab eodem die et loco vſq;. xxvi. diem Aprilis proxi. ſequentis: et ab eo die vſq; ad. xxii. diem Iunii, et ab illo die ad primū diem Octobris, et a primo die Octobris vſq; ad xxii diem eiuſdem menſis, et ab illo die vſq; xvi. diem Ianuarii ſecundum leges terre rite prorogati, et ibidem continuati per. lxxv. dies, uidelicet ad ultimum diem martii eodē Anno. xxi. et inde vlterius prorogati vſq; ad. xiii. diē Octobris proxime ſequentis.

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WHer at a parliament holden at Westminster in the .iiii. yere of the reygne of the mooste byctoriouse prynce of famous memorye kynge Henry the seuenth, moste dere father vnto the kynges highnes our soueraygne lorde, for thencreasse and mayntenanuce of drapery, and makynge of wollen clothes within this realme, it was established and enacted that no maner persone by hym selfe, or by any other, shulde bye or bargayne from the fyrst day of Marche whiche was in the yere of our lorde god. M. CCCC. lxxxix. any wolles than vnshorne of the growyng of Barke shire, Orforde shire, Glocetour shire, Herforde shire, Shrop shire, Worcester shyre, Esser, Wille shire, Somersette shire, Dorsette shire, Hampe shire, Hartford shire, Cambrige shire Norfolke, Suffolke, kente, Surreye, or Susser, or of any of them, before the feaste of thassumpcion of our ladye than next ensuyng, or bye or bargayne any wolles, or take promisse of bargayne of any wolles, that shulde growe in any of the saied shyres in any yere or yeres to come after the saied feast of thassumpcion of our lady, any tyme before the same feaste of thassumpcion of our lady that shulde be next after the shering of the same woll or wolles, but onely suche persones as of the saied wolles shulde make or do to be made yerne or cloth within this realme, vpon peine of forfaitur of the double value of all the saied wolles boughte or to be bargayned or taken by promyse of bargayne contrary to the saied ordinance. Nor that ayn marchant stranger by him selfe, or by any other person in any yere than to come, shulde by any wolles before the feast of the Purificacion of our lady nexte after the clippyng or sherpng of the same, vpon lyke peyne of forfaiture: The one halfe of such forfaiture to be to the kynges vse, and the other half to him that wolde sue the partie that shulde breke the said ordenance. And that any person that wolde sue in that part, shulde haue an accion of Dette of the saied forfayture, and such proces in the same accion shulde be had, as is in an accion of Dette at the commen lawe, or after the custome of the city borough or towne, where it shulde happen to be sued, and that no essoine ne protection shulde be allowed for the defendaunt in that accion, nor that the defendant therin shulde be admitted to wage his lawe. And furthermore it was ordeyned by the same acte, that no maner persone beyng sworne to be a wolle packer in any wyse after the saied fyrst daie of Marche shulde bye or bargaine any maner of wolle, for any such marchant straunger within this realme, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same wolle so bought bargained or gathered to the vse of any such marchāt stranger, as by the same act is playnely declared. The whiche good statute and acte was made onely to indure for the terme of .x. yeres than nexte ensuyng, whiche terme is nowe

long tyme paſt and expired. Sythen the expiracion wherof there haue ben and daily be many broggers regratours and gatherers of wolles within the ſaied ſhires, as well to the vſe of ſtraungers as the kynges englyſſhe ſubiectes, whiche drape not the ſame wolles within this realme, whiche broggers and gatherours preuent ſo the clothemakers in the prouiſion of the ſaied wolles, and put yerely ſuch prices to the ſame, that the cloth makers by whom any of the kynges ſubiectes of this realme haue be commõly ſet a worke, can not drape ne be able for lacke of wolles at reſonable prices to drape ſuch multitude of wollen clothes, as they haue be accuſtomed in tymes paſte, by reaſon wherof many of the kynges ſubiectes, whiche lyued by drapery, for lacke of worke be brought to ydelnes, and daily incurre and fall to robberyes & other inconueniences. For reformacion wherof it may pleaſe the kynges highnes, by thaſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal and the cõmons in this preſẽt parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritee of the ſame to eſtabliſhe and enacte that the ſaid eſtatute made in ỹ ſaid iiii. yere of the reygne of the ſaied late kynge, be reuiued in euerye artycle therof, and frome the firſte day of Marche nexte commyng to ſtande in as good ſtrength qualitee and effecte in euery article therin conteyned, as it was in any tyme within the ſaied. x. yeres expreſſed in the ſame eſtatute: and ſo to endure for the terme of. x. yeres from nowe next enſueng, and frõ thende of thoſe. x. yeres vnto thende of the nexte parliamente to be holden after the ſame yeres. And furthermore it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee of this preſent parliament, that no maner perſon in any wiſe after the fyrſte day of Marche nexte commyng, ſhall bye or bargayne any maner of wolle, within this realme for any marchaunte ſtraunger nor take any promiſe of bargaine or ſale of any wolle for any marchaunt ſtraunger within this realme, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the ſame woll ſo bought, or wherof promiſe or bargaine or ſale ſhalbe takẽ, or the value of the ſame wolles. This acte to endure from the ſaid firſt day of Marche next commyng vnto thende of. x. yeres next enſuyng and further as is aboue wrytten. Alſo it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritee of this parliamente, that all worſted makers, makers of ſaies ſtamins hatters and cappers of this realme, ſhal haue from henſforthe lyke lyberty and tyme of byeng and prouiſion of wolles for the onely vſe and employmentes of makyng of worſtedes ſayes ſtampnnes hattes and cappes within this realme, as is ordeyned by the ſaied acte made in this preſent parlyament, and by the ſaied acte made in the ſaied fourthe yere of the reygne of kynge Henrye the. viii. for clothers and makers of yarne. And further be it enacted by the auctoritee aforeſaied, that this acte and euery article and thyng therin conteyned ſhal take effecte and be put in execucion, as wel within the ſhires of Buk. Northamton, Leyceſter, Huntyngdon, Warwycke, Lincolne, Darbye, Rutlande, Notyngham, and Yorke, as in any of the ſhires aboue reherſed for prouiſion or byeng of any wolles of the growe of any of the ſame ſhires of Buck.

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Northampton, Leycester, Huntyngton, warwyke, Lincolne, Darby, Rutlande, Notingham, and Yorke, contrary to any article contened in this presente acte, and that all bargaynes couenauntes promyses contractes and prouisyons for wolles heretofore made, or at any tyme hereafter before the fyrste day of Marche nexte commyng to be made by any person or persons in any of the shires aboue reherced for any yere or yeres to comme, shall be voyde and of none effect except the byer prouider or such persons, to whom any suche former contracte or promyse is made, do put the same wolles by hym receiued by reason of any suche former contract couenant or promise into yarne or clothe within this realme.

¶ An acte concernyng the tryall of forein plees pleaded by felons. Cap. ii.

Where among other thinges it was considered by the hole court of parlyament of our moste excellent soueraine lorde the kynge holden in the .iiii. yere of his noble regne, that murderers and felons laufully arrayned of their detestable offences, bare them bolde vpon imaginyng and pleadynge of feyned and vntrewe forein plees triable in forein counties, to thentent to be remoued frō place to place by colorable and vntrue suggestions, & for to be vntruely acquit by fauour myghte or corrupcion, so that they lyued in maner without feare or drede: For reformacion wherof, and for the commen welth of this realme, it was enacted by auctorite of the saied parliamente, that if any murderer or felon vpon his arrainement from then dyd allege, that he had taken any churche or churcheyarde for murder or felony, or other place priuyleged for the same in a forein county, and ageinste his wylle was taken out thereof: That than the kynges attorneye, or any other persone that wolde sewe or alledge for the kynge, that the saied murderer or felon so arrayned, was taken at large in the same shire, where he is so arrayned, that then the same allegeaunce and issue shulde be tried by the inqueste that shulde trie the said murder or felony within the same shire, and before the same Justices where the said murderer or felon is arrayned, as though the saied forein plee had not be pleded by the saied felon. And that if it were founde by the same inqueste, that the saied murderer or felon was taken within the same shyre, as is afore saied, that than he to haue none aduantage or benefite of the matter alledged by him for takyng out of the churche or churche yarde, or other place priuileged in any suche forein shire, and that the saied acte shulde endure to the next parliament from than ensuenge, as by the same acte made in the saied .iiii. yere manyfestlye apperethe. And for as muche as sythe the tyme of expiracion of the saied acte made in the saied fourth yere many abhompnable murders, as well of preestes as of other persones robberyes of churche, and robberies of persones in their houses, as well by daye as

by nyghte, and other moſt deteſtable murders and felonies haue bene committed and done within this realme. And the mo and moze oftē bicauſe that the ſaied ſtatute hath ben expired and ended from and ſyns the beginnyng of the parliamente of our ſaied ſoueraygne lozde, holden in the. vi. yere of his moſt noble reygne: It is ozdeined and enacted by auctozitee of this pzeſent parliament, that the ſaied acte made in the ſaied. iiii. yere, and euerye thyng therin conteyned, concernyng the ſaied kozeyne plees and replicacions ther vnto to be made and trials therof, ſhall nowe be reuiued, and ſhal ſtande in full kozce and effect, and ſhal continue and endure from henſkozth koz euer, as if the ſame acte had ben ozyginally made perpetuall and not determynable.

¶ An acte concernyng Plumſtede Marſhes. Cap. iii.

Where as the Marſhes of Plumſtede and leſeues, with the outragiouſneſſe of the riuer of Thamys, hath bene & yet be dzowned by occaſion of the bzeches i the marſhe walles of Plumſtede leſeues and Erythe: And where the bzeche in Ploumſtede marſſhe afozē ſaied hath bene and is made, koz innyng of whiche bzeche of Plumſted and maintenāce & defence of the marſhe walles aboute the ſame bzeche, as well koz makyng of a newe croſſe wall to be made from the Thamys vnto the vplande koz innyng of the ſaied marſſhe of Ploumſtede, as alſo koz the innyng of certayne nombze of acres in the leuell and marſſhes of leſeues to be incloſed inned and defended by the ſaied croſſe walle from the water of Thamys, commyng in at Erethe bzeche, and dzownynge and ouerflowynge the ſaied marſhe and leuell, and koz dzaynynge of the ſame, and koz the mayntenaunce of the olde marſſhe walles by the Thamys ſyde frome the ſayde newe croſſe walle nyghe vnto wolwyche, dyuers and ſundzy Ceſſes ſcottes and Taxis haue ben made ceſſed. ſcotted ſette and taxed by vertue of commiſſion, and the daye of paymentes therof in the parſhe churche of Ploumſtede, accozdyng as heretofoze koz ceſſes of Plumſted marſhe hath ben accuſtomed, hath ben declared and pzoclaimed, which ceſſes ſcottes and taxes dyuerſe poſſeſſioners owners landelozdes tenantes and pzofite takers of the ſaied landes within the ſaied marſſhes and leuell at the daie mencioned and appoynted by pzoclamacion, haue not paied, noz yet do paie, contrary to the lawes of Plumſted marſhe heretofoze made, by whiche lawes koz none paiement of ſuch ceſſis ſcottes and taxes, they ought to paie them and theyz doubles. In defaute of whiche payemente the ſaied bayly of the ſaied marſhe and leuell now beyng, and other by his aſſygnement to their great hynderaunce hane ben conſtrained to paie dyuers of the ſaid ſcottes ceſſes and taxes koz the innyng of the ſaid marſhe maintenance and defence of the ſame, oz elles the ſame marſſhes and leuell had ben vtterly loſte

ly loste without remedy. For the recouery of which cesses scottes and taxes so by the bayly and his assignes paied, and of other scottes and cesses nowe due, by the occasion of the saied outragious drowynnge of the saied marshes, the saied baily and his assignes haue no remedy or meane to leuy the same: So that for none paiment of the said cesses scottes and taxes not only the saied warke is like to perysshe, and not lyke to be finished, oneles spedy remedy maie be had for the leuienge therof: but also all suche summes of money as before this tyme haue ben imployed for the innyng defence and maintenaunce of the same, are lyke to be lost, to the vtter distruction of the saied marshe and leuell, and to the extreme ruyne and decay of the countrey therbnto adioynyng, and to the greate decay of the ryuer of Thamis afore saied, and to the disherison, as well of our souerayngne lorde the kyng as of other owners possessioners and tenauntes that haue do and will paie suche cesses scottes and taxes, as before this time or in time to come hath or shalbe cessed sette and taxed for the same. In consideracion wherof be it enacted by our souerayngne lorde the kyng, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, that the baylye of the saied marshes and leuell nowe beyng or his assygnes, shal and maie by force of this acte, make proclamacion on any sonday hereafter ensuynge in the parysshe churche of Plumstede aforesayed, as well of this acte as also that al suche cesses scottes and taxes at the time of the saied proclamacion made beyng behynde and vnpaied, shal be paied at a certayne place in the saied proclamacionto be limitted, within .xx. daies nexte ensuyng after the date of the same proclamocion. And he that so payeth, shall be discharged of any doubles due hertofore for none paiement of the same. And if the saied cesses scottes and taxes be not paied by the ende of the saied .xx. daies after suche proclamacion to the saied bayly his executours or assignes, that then euery person or persons, whiche ought to paie the same cesses scottes and taxes, shal forfaite the doubles of the same cesses scottes and taxes: And that thane if the saied cesses scottes and taxes and theyr doubles be not payed by the feaste of sayncte Mychaell tharcaungell nowe nexte commyng, vnto the saied baylyfe his executours or assygnes: than it shall be lefull to euerye owner possessyoner landelorde tenaunt and profitte taker of landes and tenementes and other profites within the said marshes and leuell, or any other person or persons, whiche hath dothe and wyll paie to the saied baylyffe his executours or assygnes suche cesses scots and taxes or any of them so dewe and vnpaied by any other owner possessioner landlorde tenaunt profyte taker of landes and tenementes within the same leuell, to entre into all the saied landes and tenementes and other profites within the saied marshes and leuell so cessed scotted and taxed, and the same from thensforth to haue holde perceiue and occupy to him or them, his or their heyres, successours or assignes for euer by vertue of this present act, without lette or interrupcion of any of the same owners possessioners landlordes

lordes tenauntes takers of profites termers or any other person or persõs, which haue or shal haue any estate title interest vse or terme in any of those landes and tenementes and other profites so cessed scotted and taxed, by reson of any intayle gyfte graunt or other title what so euer it be.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the same law shal be had and executed for any scot taxe or cesse hereaftet to be had and made before the feast of the Natiuitie of saint John Baptist now next commyng by vertue of any commission within any of the said marshes and leuel, any acte or vse to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaye this acte not withstandyng, that suche persone or persones theyr heyres and assygnes, who so euer shall so renne in the doubles and losse of his or theyr landes, mate at any tyme within .iii. yeres next folowyng the tyme lympted for the losse of the saied lande bryngc in and paye the said cesses taxes and his or theyr doubles to hym or them that shal haue the saied land by the auctoritie of this act, or to his heires or assignes, and so to enioye his or their lande agayne from the daye of the payement of his or theyr saied money for the said cesses taxes and doubles, or elles they and euery of them, their heires and assignes to be from thensforth excluded and barred from all tytle ryght vse possession action and entre to be had of or to the saied landes or any parcell therof for euer.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it farther enacted by the auctoritie afore saied, that if any man haupng any landes in possession or in vse in the right of his wyfe, tenaunt by the curtesy, tenaunt in dower, tenaunte for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, tenaunt by Elegit, tenaunt by statute marchaunt, gardeine in socage, gardeyne in chiualry, or any other haupng any particular interest vnder estate of inheritance in any landes tenementes or any other yerely profytes chargeable to the saied cesses scottes taxes and doubles nowe rated taxed or sette, or hereafter to be rated taxed and sette, whiche haue before this tyme payed, or at any tyme hereafter shall pay duryng his or theyr said interest in or to the same, any summe or summes of moneye for the defence inmynge and mayntenaunce of the saied marshes and leuel, ouer and aboue al such summe or summes as he or they haue or shal receiue and take of the same landes or other yerely profytes, that from thensforth it shall be lawefull vnto euery suche particulare tenaunt occupier or other profite taker, theyr executours or assygnes by force and vertue of this present acte to holde kepe possede and reteyne the same landes or other yerely profittes to his or their owne vse, agaynst all and euery suche persone or persones, to whom the same landes tenementes or other yerely profites shuld and ought to dyscende remayne or reuerte after all and euery such partycular estate expyred and determyned, vntyll he or they haue fully receyued taken and had of and vpon the same all suche summes of moneye as they or any of theym haue bestowed imployed expended and paied in and for the defence inmyng and mayntenaunce of the same.

An

¶ An acte concernyng exactions leuyed on prentises. ca. iiii.

AT the prayer of the commons in this present parliament assembled, resityng that where it was establysshed and enacted in the xix. yere of our late soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the. vii. that no maister wardens and felowshyp of craftes, or any of them, nor any rulers of guildes or fraternitees take vppon theim to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them hereafore made or hereafter to be made in disinheritaunce or diminution of the prerogatiue of the kyng, nor of other, nor agaynst the common profite of the people, but if the same acte or ordinaunces, be examyned or approued by the chancellour, Treasourer of England, or chiefe Justice of eyther benche, or. iii. of them, or before the Justices of Assise in their circute or progresse in the shyre, where suche actes, or ordinaunces be made, vpon peine of forfaiture of. xl. li. for euery tyme that thei do the contrary as more playnely in the saied acte dothe appere. Sythe which time diuers wardens and felowshyps haue made actes and ordinances, that euery prentise shall paie at his firste entree in their common hall to the wardens of the same felowshyp, some of them. xl. s. some. xxx. s. some. xx. s. some. xiii. s. iiii. d. some vi. s. viii. d. some. iii. s. iiii. d. after theyr owne semster minde and pleasure, contrarie to the meanyng of the acte afore saied, and to the great hurte of the kynges true subiectes puttyng theyr chyld to be prentise. It is therfore nowe ordeined establysshed and enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, by thaduyse of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no maister wardens or felowshyps of craftes or maisters or any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities take from hens forth of any a prentise or of any other person or persons for the entre of any prentise into their said felowshyp aboue the somme of. ii. s. vi. d. nor for his entre whan his yeres and terme is expyred and ended aboue. iii. s. iiii. d. vpon peine of forfaiture of. xl. li. for euery time that thei do to the contrary: the one halfe to the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the other halfe to the partie that therfore shall sue by action of dette, information, or other wise: and that in the action afore saied no protection or essoyne shall be allowed.

¶ An acte concernyng repayryng and amendyng of brydges in hyghe waies. ca. v.

BE it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the Justices of peace in euery shyre of this realme fraunchyse citie or borroughe or. iiii. of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum,

rum, shall haue power and auctoritee to enquire here and determyne in the kynges generall sessions of peace, of all maner of anoysaunces of brydges broken in the highe waies, to the damage of the kynges lyege people, and to make such proces and peines vpon euery presentment afore them, for the reformacion of the same againe such as owen to be charged for the making or amendyng of suche brydges, as the kynges Justices of his benche vse commonly to do, or as it shall seme by theyr discrecion to bee necessarie and conuenient for the spedy amendement of suche bridges. And where in many parties of this realme it can not bee knowen and proued what hundred ryddyng wapentake citie borough towne or parysshe, nor what persone certaine or body politike oughte of right to make suche brydges decayed, by reason wherof suche decayed brydges for lacke of knowlege of suche as owen to make theim, for the most part lyen long without any amendement to the great anoisaunce of the kinges subiectes: For the remedy therof be it enacted by auctoritee afore saied, that in euery suche case the saied bridges, if they be without citie or towne corporate, shall be made by the inhabitantes of the shyre or riddyng, within the which the saied brydge decayde shall happen to be: And if it be within any citie or towne corporate, than by the inhabitauntes of euery such citie or towne corporate, wherin such brydges shall happen to be. And if parte of any suche brydges so decayde happen to be in one shyre ryddyng citie or towne corporate, and the other parte therof in an other shyre ryddyng citie or towne corporate, or if parte bee within the lymyttes of any citie or towne corporate, and parte without, or parte within one ryddyng, and part within an other: that then in euery suche case the inhabitauntes of the shires ryddynges cities or townes corporate shall bee charged and chargeable to amende make and repayre suche part and porcion of such brydges so decayed, as shall lye and be within the lymittes of the shyre ryddyng citie or towne corporate, wherin they be inhabyted at the tyme of the same decayes.

¶ And bee it further enacted, that in euery suche case, where it can not bee knowen and proued what persons landes tenementes and bodies politike owen to make and repayre such brydges, that for spedy reformacion and amendyng of suche brydges, the Justices of peace within the shyres or riddinges wherin such decaied bridges ben out of cities and townes corporat, and if it be within cities or townes corporate: than the Justices of peace within euery suche citie or towne corporate, or .iiii. of the saied Justices at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue power and auctoritee within the lymittes of theyr seuerall commyssions and auctoritees to calle before them the Constables of euery towne and parysshe, beyng within the shyre ryding citie or towne corporate, as well within lybertee as without, wherin suche bridges or any parcell therof shall happen to be, or elles .xi. of the moste honeste inhabitauntes within euery such towne or parysshe in the saied shyre ryddyng citie or towne corporate by the discrecion of the saied

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Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum: And at and vpon the apparances of such Constables or inhabitauntes, the saied Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them, wherof one to be of Quorum, with the assent of the saied constables or inhabitantes shall haue power and auctoritee to tare and sette euery inhabitaunte in any suche citie towne or paryshe within the limittes of their commissions and auctoritees, to suche reasonable ayde and somme of money, as they shall thinke by their discrecions conuenient and suffycient for the repayryng reedyfyeng and amendment of suche brydges, and after suche taracion made, the saied Justices shall cause the names and sommes of euery particular persone, so by them tared, to be wrytten in a rolle indented. And shal also haue power and auctoritee to make .ii. collectours of euery hundred, for collection of all suche sommes of money, by them sette and tared, which collectours receiuing the one parte of the saied rolle indented vnder the seales of the saied Justices, shall haue power and auctoritee, to collecte and receiue all the particular sommes of money therin conteined, and to distreyne euery such inhabitante, as shal be tared and refuse paiment therof, in his landes goodes and cattalles, and to selle suche distresse, and of the sale therof retaine and perceiue all the money tared, and the residue (if the distresse be better) to delyuer to the owner therof. And that the same Justices, or .iiii. of them, within the lymittes of their commissions and auctoritees, shall also haue power and auctoritee to name and appoynt .ii. Surueyours, which shall se euery suche decayde brydge repayred and amended from time to time, as often as nede shall require, to whose handes the saied collectours shall paye the saied sommes of money tared, and by them receiued, and that the collectours and Surueyours & euery of them, and their executours and administratours and the executours and administratours of them and euery of them, from time to time shall make a trewe declaracion and accompt to the Justices of peace, of the shyre ryddyng citie or towne corporate, wherin they shall be appoynted collectours or Surueyours, or to .iiii. of the same Justices, wherof one to be of the Quorum, of the receytes paymentes and expences of the saied sommes of money: And if they or any of theim refuse that to do, that then the same Justices of peace, or .iiii. of them, from tyme to tyme by their discrecions, shall haue power and auctoritee to make processe ageine the saied collectours and surueyours and euery of them, their executours & administratours and the executours and administratours of euery of them, by attachementes vnder their seales retournable at the generall sessions of peace: And if they appere, than to compell them to accompte as is afore saied, or elles if they or any of theim, refuse that to doo, than to commytte suche of them as shall refuse, to warde, there to remaine without bayll or maynprise tyl the said declaracion and accompte be truly made. And where any brydge or brydges lyen in one shyre or ryddyng, and suche persones inhabitauntes bodyes politike landes or tenementes,

which owen to be charged to the makyng and amendyng of such bridges, lyen and abyden in an other shire or ryddyng, or where suche brydges den within any citie or towne corporate, and the persons inhabitauntes bodies politike landes or tenementes, that owen to make or repaire any such bridges, lyen and ben out of the saied cities or townes corporate: Be it enacted, that in euery suche case, the Justices of peace of the shyre citie or towne corporate, within the whiche suche decaied brydges or any parte therof, shall happen to be, shall haue power to enquere here and determyne all suche anoysances, beyng within the lymittes of theyr commissions or auctorites. And if the anoysaunce be presented, than to make processe into euery shire within this realme, ageynst suche as owen to make or amende any suche brydges so presented before them, to be decaied to the anoysaunce and lette of the passage of the kynges subiectes, and to do ferther in euery behalfe in euery suche case, as they mought do by auctorite of this acte, in case that the persones or bodyes politike, landes or tenementes, which owen to bee charged to the amendyng or makyng of suche bridges or any parte therof, were in the same shyre ryddyng citie or towne corporate, where suche anoysaunce shall happen to be. And that all shyreffes and baylyffes of liberties and fraunchises, shall trewely serue and execute such proces, as shall come to their handes from the saied Justices of peace, afore whome any presentment shalbe had for any such anoysaunce accordynge to the tenour and effecte of the saied processe to them directed, without fauour affection or corruption, upon peyne to make suche fyne as shall be set upon them or any of them, by the discrecion of the saied Justices.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned be not preiudiciall to the lyberties of the fyue portes or membres of the same and for reformacion of anoysaunces of brydges within the saied portes and membres.

¶ Be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the warden maires and bailyffes elected, and Jurates of the same portes and euery of them, haue power and auctorite to enquere here and determyne all maner of commen anoysaunces of brydges within the same portes and membres, and to make such processe paynes taracions, and all other thynges within the same portes and membres, as the Justices of peace may dooe in other shyres or places out of the same portes, by vertue and auctorite of this present acte in euery behalfe.

¶ And be it farther enacted by the auctoritie afore saied, that the Justices of peace or .iiii. of them shall haue full power and auctoritie to allowe suche reasonable costes and charges to the saied Surueiours and Collectours, as by theyr discrecion shall be thought conuenient.

¶ For as muche that all be it brydges decaied were amended and repayred, according to the tenour of this acte, yet neuer the lesse yf spedye remedy for the amendement of the wayes next adioynyng to euery of the endes,

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of ſuche bꝛydges ſhulde not be had and made, the kynges ſubiectes ſhulde take lyttell oꝛ none auayle oꝛ commoditie in many partes of this realme by the makyng of the bꝛydges: In conſideration wherof be it enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoꝛitee of the ſame, that ſuche parte and poꝛtion of the hyghe wayes in euery parte of this realme, as well within franchyſe as without, as lye nexte adioynynge to any endes of any bꝛydges within this realme, diſtaunte from any of the ſayde endes, by the ſpace of. C C C. fote, be made repayꝛed and amended as often as nede ſhall requyꝛe. And that the Juſtices of the peace in euerye ſhyꝛe of this realme, fraunchiſe Citee oꝛ boꝛoughe, oꝛ foure of theym at the leaſte, wherof one to be of the Quoꝛum, within the lymyttes of their commiſſions and auctoꝛitees, ſhall haue power and auctoꝛitee to enquire here and determyne in the kynges generall ſeſſions of peace, all maner of anoyſaunces of and in ſuche hyghe wayes, ſo beyng and lyenge nexte adioynyng to any endes of bꝛydges within this realme, diſtante from any of the endes of ſuche bꝛydges. C C C. fote, and to do in euery thinge and thynges concernynge the makynge repayꝛynge and amendynge of ſuche hyghe wayes and euery of them, in as large and ample maner, as they mought and may do to and foꝛ the makynge repayꝛinge and amendynge of bꝛydges, by vertue and auctoꝛitee of this preſent acte.

In acte concernynge tanners and bouchers. cap. vi.

FOꝛ as moche as in dyuers and many good townes and places within this realme ſondꝛy perſons occupieng the craftes of bouchers, haue nowe of late foꝛ their ſyngular pꝛiuate lucre and aduantages ſette vp tannyng houſes, vſynge in the ſame craftes of tanners, and not beinge expert in the ſayde crafte, do dayly make moche falſe vntrue and diſceyuable lether, ſellynge the ſame in the great diſceyte of the kynges pooꝛe ſubiectes. And alſo by meane that they do occupie as well the ſayde craft of tanners as of bouchers, they do many tymes bye ſtolen oxen kyne ſteres calues and ſhepe, and the ſame do kylle and ſelle in theyꝛ boucthers ſhoppes, conueyeng the hydes ſkynnes and felles of ſuche ſtolne catall vnto their tanne houſes, cauſynge the ſame to be tanned and tranſpoſed into tanned lether, by meane wherof not onelye greatte nombꝛe of honeſt perſons within this realme beinge robbed of ſuche oxen kyne ſteres calues & ſhepe ſo taken, can neuer come to the knowlege of the ſame, neither by ſkynne hyde hoꝛne felle oꝛ other marke, whereby dyuers pꝛeuye felonyes ben dayly in many places of this realme, cloked commytted and done to the greatt hurte of the kynges moſt louynge ſubiectes. And alſo by occaſyon of the pꝛemiſſes the true and ſubſtaunciall occupation of tannynge of lether

is lyke in breke tyme vtterly to decaye throughe out this realme, if spedy remedye be not therein prouyded. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that no persone or persones occupienge the crafte or occupacion of a boucher within this realme, shall at no tyme after the feaste of saynte Michaell tharcangell next comynge by hym selfe nor by any other to his vse, kepe any tanne house, or occupie the crafte of a tanner and boucher within any place of this realme, vpon peyne of forfayture of.vi.s.viii.d. for euery day that he or any to his vse, shal occupie any tanne house, or crafte of a tanner after the sayde feaste, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, the one halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to the vse of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to the vse of him that wyll sue for the same to any of the kynges courtes be it by wrytte bylle playnte or informacion, wherin the defendante shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shalll be to hym allowed.

¶ An acte concernynge conueyinge and carienge of horses and mares, out of this realme. cap. vii.

Where at a parlyament holden at westminster in the. xi. yere of the reygne of the late famous prynce of memory kynge Henry the. vii it was auctorised establysshed and enacted, by auctoritee of the sayde parlyament, that from thensforth no maner person nor persons shoulde cary or conuey any horse out of this lande, without the kynges speciall lycence, vppon peyne of forfayture of the saume, or any mare aboue the value of vi.s. viii.d. without the kynges speciall lycence, vppon the sayde peyne of forfayture of the same mare, the owner therof or his deputee receiuing for the same mare. vi.s. viii.d. at the tyme of the seisire vpon the sayde forfaiture, or elles it not to be forfayte. And at the tyme of sealyze of the sayde mare or mares, they shall be preysed by the heed officers of the towne, where any suche mare is taken, & there openly to be solde to the beste price, and the halfe deale of the ouer price of her, beinge aboue. vi.s. viii.d. to be to the kynge: and the other halfe to hym that so seiseth, and the kynges parte therof to be deliuered to the customer of the sayde porte. And where as it was further prouyded by the sayde acte, that it shulde be lefull to euerye person or persons beinge Denisen, from thensforthe to carye horse beyonde the see, the kynges lycence in that behalfe nat opteyned for their owne vses, not entendynge at the tyme of the shyppinge of the same, nor thanne fullye purposed to selle hym, and that entent to be knowen by the othe of hym that shulde do shyppe the same horse taken before the customer or serchet of the same porte, as by the sayd acte made in the said. xi. yere amonges other euydently appereth. Sythe the makynge of which act great nombres of horses

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and mares haue ben secretely and other wyse conueyed out of this realme contrary to the tourme and effecte of the sayde statute, wherby the horses of this realme apt and mete for the waye and for other necessary vses, be at this tyme moche derer than lyke horses haue ben heretofore. And by reasonne of cariage and great multitude of the good mares of this realme into the parties of beyonde the see, the good brede of horses of this realme is greately decayed, whiche is an other cause of derthe and scarsitee of the sayde horses. And where also many oxen steres kyne calues and shepe, ben dayelye conueyed and caryed out of this realme into the parties beyonde the see, which causeth great scarsitee of vittaile, and maketh catell and vittaile to be solde within this realme at moche greatter prices, not onely to the great hurte of the kynges highnes in his prouisions, but also to the great hurte and impouerysshemente of the kynges subiectes within this realme. wherfore it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that no maner of persone or persones from henseforthe, shall carye or conuey any horse geldynge mare or colte oute of this realme or wales or marches of the same, into any the partes of beyonde the see: nor from henseforth cary or conueye any oxen steres bullockes calues kyne or shepe out of this realme or wales, or the marches of the saime, in to any of the saide partyes beyonde the see, without the kynges specialle lycence vnder his greatte seale of Englande, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery polle so conueyed contrarye to this acte xl.s. nor that any person or persons shall from henseforth brynge any suche horse geldynges mares coltes oxen steres bullockes calues kyne or shepe, to any hauen porte or creke within this realme or wales, or the marches therof, to be caried ouer the see out of this realme, without the kynges saide speciall lycence, vppon peyne of forfayture of euery suche horse maare oxen and other cattalles aforesayde, so brought vnto any suche hauen porte or creke to be conueyed out of this realme into the parties of beyonde the see, as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwayes that it shall be lefulle to euery the kynges subiectes, whiche for reasonable causes shall entende to passe and repasse into and out of this realme into any the parties of beyonde the see to haue take and carie with them out of this realme horses or geldynges for theyr onely occupacion commoditee and ease in suche their tourneyes, and not to the entente to selle the same in any the partyes beyonde the see: and that entent to be iudged by the othe of suche the sayde subiectes, that shall soo do shyppe suche horse or geldynge, which othe shalbe taken before the customers or any their sufficiente deputees or sercher of the same porte where it shal be shypped before the shyppynge therof.

¶ Prouyded also that this acte nor any thinge therein conteyned be in any wyse hurtefull or preiudiciall to suche personnes, as shal conuey oxen shepe or other cattelle to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches of the same for the onelye vyttaylynge of the sayde towne and marches, soo that alwayes

euery suche persoune and personnes be bounde before the customers or their lawfulle deputies of the porte hauen or creke, where suche cattelle shall be shypped by obligacion to the kynges vse, in as greate somme as the value of the cattell so to be conueyed ouer, shall amounte vnto, accordynge to the discrecion of the same customer, that he shall not onelye conueye the sayde cattell to the sayde towne or marches, there to be solde, or other wyse there to be distributed and spente for the vittayllynge onely of the same, but also to bryng or sende to the saide customer a sufficiente certificat, within foure monethes nexte after the date of the saide oblygation, the same certificate to be sealed and subscrybed with the handes of two of the kynges counselle of the sayde towne or marches, and by the customer or his deputye of the sayde towne, that the sayde cattelles haue ben trewelye brought without fraude, and delyuered to somme of the kynges officers or subiectes inhabyted and abydynge in the sayde towne of Caleys or marches, there to be spente for the onely vyttaylynge afore sayde. And after that suche customer hath receyued suche certificat made sealed and subscribed in due forme (as is afore sayde) he to cansell the same oblygation vppon peyne of forfapture of the somme of the saide oblygation, and after to bryng or sende the same oblygation soo cancelled, with the certificat thereunto annexed, or elles for lacke of suche due certificat so to be made, the sayde customer to bryng or sende the sayde obligation vncancelled into the kinges eschequer at the time of makynge of his or theyr accompte for the yere nexte after the tyme lymitted in the sayde obligation, there to remayne vntyll true knowledge be had, whether the saied cattell and euery parte therof haue benne duely brought without fraude to the sayde towne or marches for vyttaylynge of the same, as is afore sayde, so as for lacke of suche certificat not made accordynge to the condicion of the sayde oblygacion, proceſſe maye be made in the sayd eschequer for the recouery of the penaltee in the sayd obligacion to the kinges vse, accordynge to reason. And if any customer sercher or controller of any porte hauyn or creke within this realme, suffre any suche cattals to be shipped in the same before suche oblygation hadde, as is afore sayde, or if any customer fayle in bryngynge or sendynge in to the kynges eschequer at his or theyr accompte the sayde oblygation by hym to be taken with the certificate, if any be to hym brought in fourme as is aboue said: that than euery such customer sercher and controller, sufferynge any suche cattell to be conueyed ouer the see contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfayte lyke sommes, as the partie so shyppynge or conueyenge the same cattell shall do by vertue of this present acte: and for defaulte of certificat of any suche obligacion and certificate, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of this acte euery suche customer shall lose and forfayte. x. li.

And be it further enacted, that it shall not be laufull to any person to carye or conuey any suche cattell brought oute of this realme, to the sayde towne of Caleys or marches oute of the sayde towne and marches of the

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same, vppon peyne of forfayture for euery polle so brought out of the saide towne and marches. xl. s. The one halfe of whiche forfaytures and penaltees, excepte the sommes of money conteyned in suche obligations, to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie that shall seise or sue for the same by action bylle playnte or informacion in any of the kynges courtes: wherein the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shal be allowed. And if any plees be pleded in any such action or suite: not triable in the realme, nor within any suche place: where the kynges writte dothe ronne: than by auctoritee of this acte euerye suche plee, if any issue be taken of the same, shalbe tryed by the verdite of. xii. men in the shyre or place, where any suche action or suite shall be commensed, any thynge to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded that it maye be laufull to the kynges counsellars of the sayde towne and marches of Caleys, to conueye oute of this realme to the same towne and marches suche horses, geldynges, and mares for theyr owne vses, as they shall thinke expediente, not entendynge at the shyppynge of them to put them afterwarde to sale, wherby they shulde be conueyed out of the kynges sayde towne and marches: and that entente to be iudged by the othe of theym, that shall shyppe suche horses geldynges and mares to be taken before the customer or sercher, or any their deputies of the same porte hauen or creke, where it shall be shypped. And that other horsemenne of the sayde towne and marches, that is to saye, men of armes, speares on horsebacke, archers on horsebacke, and scowrers, maye carye and conuey out of this realme suche horses and geldynges, as any of theym commynge in to this realme shall haue broughte with them, or leaupnge suche horses or geldynges as they shall bringe into this realme, or commynge hyther within this realme, without any horse or geldynge, maye lyberally carye and take with them to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches other horses and geldynges of the bredynge of this realme for theyr owne vses, within and without the same towne and marches, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary not-withstandynge.

¶ Prouided always that this acte nor any thynge therein mencioned, be in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to the mayster of the kynges horses nowe and hereafter to be, for suche thinges and commodities as shal and do concerne his office, any thinge in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also, that the wardeyne of the fyue portes nowe beynge, or hereafter to be, maye yerely at his pleasure gyue. vi. horses or geldynges, and no more within one yere, at one or dyuers tymes, vppon lyke peyne as is afore sayde, to any personne or personnes in to the parties beyonde the sees, beyng in amytee with the kynges highnes or his successours, this acte or any thynge therin not withstandyng. This acte to continue vnto the last daye of the nexte parlyament.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that it shalbe leful to any the kynges subiectes to carye

or sende to any parties of beyonde the see any mares, wherof the pryce of any one mare so to be caried doth not excede .vi.s. viii.d. in like maner as they myght do before the makynge of this acte, any thynge in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernyng Denisens to pay straungers customes tolles and other dueties. cap. viii.

PRayen the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where in a parliamente holden at westm the .viii. daye of Nouembre, in the fyrste yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lorde of famous memory king Henry the seuenth, whose soule god pardon, it was ordeined establysshed and enacted by auctoritee of the said parliament that euery person made, or after the makinge of the saide acte, to be made Denisen, shulde paye of his marchaundises lyke custome and subsidie as he ought or shulde paye afore that he were made Denisen, any letters patentes, or other ordynaunces by parliamente or otherwise, to the contrary not withstandynge, whiche estatute and ordinaunce was onely made for custome and subsidie to be paide to the saide late kinge, and to our nowe soueraygne lorde. Sythen whiche tyme diuers grauntes haue ben made to dyuerse, as well marchant straungers as other aliens borne out of this realme to be Denisens, whereby they haue and enioye suche freedomes and libertees as dothe Denysens borne within this realme beinge our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinges naturall borne subiectes, wherof there is no small nombre, and euerye daye encrease more and more, by the whiche the saide Alyens to their lucre and auayle ben encreased to great and notable substaunce and ryches, and the naturall subiectes of our sayde soueraygne lorde and his realme greatly empouerished: And after they be enriched, for the moste parte conueye them selfes with their sayde goodes to their owne contreye, wherein they be naturallye borne, to the great detriment of the commou weale of this realme of Englande and subiectes of the same. It maye therefore please your highnesse of your moste good and louynge disposition, that ye beare and owe to the common welthe of this your realme by the aduyse of your lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, to ordeyne, enacte, and establysshe, that euery person or persones, what so euer they be, borne out of this realme of Englande out of the kynges obeysaunce, made or hereafter to be made Denyson, do paye your grace and to your heyres, and to all and euery other person or persons, of what estate degre or condicion he or they be, and to all and syngular officers and ministers of cities boroughes and townes within this realme of Englande, and to euery of them, all suche subsidies customes tolles duties and other sommes of money for their wares marchandises and other what

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so euer goodes by what so euer name or names the saide subsidies customes tolles duetes and other sommes of money or any of them be named or called, as they shulde or oughte to haue payde before they were Denysons, any graunte or grauntes to them made or hereafter to be made, or any acte or actes estatute or ordynaunce to the contrarye made or hadde not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaie that all and singular officers and ministers of euery citee, borroughe, or towne, wherin any suche custome tolles duetes or sommes of mony shall be demaunded, as is aboue saide, on this syde the feaste of Penthecoste nexte commynge, shall sette vp or cause to be set vp in open place and places of euery suche citee borroughe or towne, a table or tables, by which the certaynetee and verye duetie of euery suche custome tolle and dutie or somme of moneye of suche wares and marchaundyse to be demaunded or required, as is aboue rehersed, shall and maye playnely appere and be declared, to the entent that nothynge be exacted otherwyse than in olde tyme hath ben vsed and accustomed, vppon peyne of euery citee not doynge thesame to lose. x.li. and euerye towne corporate to lose. xl.s. for euerye monethe that the same table shall fayle to be sette vp after the same feaste, the moytee of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytee to the partie that wyll sue for the same by wryt bylle playnt or informacion: in whiche accion the defendante shall haue no essoyne wager of lawe ne protection allowed.

¶ Prouyded alway and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that this acte ne any other acte or actes made or to be made in this presente parlyament, concernynge the premisses be not in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto the marchauntes of the house of Almaygne, nor to any of them, haueynge the house within the citee of London commonlye called Gylde halle Theutonicorum, otherwise called the marchauntes of Stryliarde in London, nor to theyr goodes or marchandises, by what so euer name or names they or any of them be called: but that they and euery of them shal haue and enioye all suche liberties fraunches customes and priuyleges as they had the fyrste daye of this present parlyament, any thynge or thynges specified in this acte, or in any other acte or actes made or to be made in this presente parlyament not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that the tables so to be sette vp in the citee of London, touchinge scauage within the same, shall fyrste be viewed examyned and approued by the Chauncellour and Treasourer of Englande, the president of the kynges counsayle, the lorde priue seale, the lorde stewarde of the kynges moste honorable household, and the two chiefe Justices of the kinges benche and common place for the tyme beinge, or by. iiii. of them at the lest, and by them subscribed.

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An acte againſt Poyſonynge. cap. xx.

THe kynges royall maieſtee callyng to his mooſte bleſſed remembraunce, that the makynge of good and holſome lawes and due execution of the ſame agaynſt the offendours therof, is the only cauſe, that good obedience and order hath ben preſerued in this realme: And his hyghnes haupnge mooſte tender zele to the ſame, amonge other thynges conſyderyng that mans lyfe aboue all thynges is chiefly to be fauoured, and volutary murders mooſte hyghely to be deteſted and abhorred, and ſpecially of all kyndes of murders poyſonynge, whiche in this realme hytherto, our lorde be thanked, hath ben mooſte rare and ſeldome commytted or practiſed: And nowe in the tyme of this preſente parliament, that is to ſaye, in the. xviii. daye of Februarye, in the. xxii. yere of his mooſte victorious reygne, one Rychарde Rooſe, late of Rouchеſter in the countie of Kente cooke, otherwyſe called Rycharde cooke, of his mooſte wycked and dampnable diſpoſition, dyd caſte a certaine venyme or poyſonne in to a veſſell replenyſſhed with peſe or barme, ſtandynge in the kechynne of the reuerende father in God, Johu byſſhoppe of Rouchеſter at his place in Lambythe marſhe: with whiche peſe or barme and other thinges conueniente, porrage or grewell was forthewith made for his famylie there beinge, wherby not onely the nombre of. xvii. perſonnes of his ſaide famylie, whiche dydde eate of that porrage, were mortally infected and poyſonned, and one of them, that is to ſaye, Benet Curwen gentyll man therof is deceaſed, but alſo certayne poore people whiche reſorted to the ſayde byſſhoppes place, and were there charitablye fedde with the remayne of the ſayde porrage and other vittayles, were in lyke wyſe infected, and one poore woman of theym, that is to ſaye, Alyce Tryppytte wydowe is alſo thereof nowe deceaſſed: Oure ſaide ſoueraigne lorde the kynge, of his bleſſed dyſpoſition inwardely abhorrynge all ſuche abhominable offences, bycauſe that in maner no perſonne can lyue in ſuertie out of daunger of deathe by that meane, if practiſe therof ſhulde not be eſchewed, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this preſente parlyamente, that the ſayde poyſonynge be adiudged and demed as hyghe treaſon. And that the ſayde Rycharde Rooſe for the ſayde murder and poyſonynge of the ſayde two perſonnes, as is afore ſayde, by auctoritie of this preſente parlyamente ſhall ſtande and be attcynted of hyghe treaſon. And bycauſe that deteſtable offence nowe newelye practyſed and commytted, requiretthe condygne punyſſhemente for the ſame, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this preſente parlyamente, that the ſayde Rycharde Rooſe ſhall be therfore boyled to deathe, without haupnge any aduauntage of his clergye. And that from henſeforthe euery wylfull murder of any perſonne or perſonnes, by any what ſo euer perſonne or perſones hereafter to be commytted and doone, by meane or waye of poyſonynge, ſhall be reputed demed and

med and iudged in the lawe to be hyghe treason. And that all and euerye persone or persones, whiche hereafter shall be lawfullye indited or appealed, and attcynted or condempned by order of the lawe of suche treason for any maner poysonynge of any persone, shall not be admytted to the benefyte of his or their clargie: but shall be immediately after suche attcynder or condempnacion commytted to execucion of death by boylynge for the same. And that the Justice of peace, in euerye shyre citee or towne corporate within this realme, where Justices of peace bene, shall haue fulle power and auctoritee in their sessions to enquire from time to time, as wel of suche traitours murderers and murders, as of the counterfaitting of coyne of any outewarde realme, suffred to ronne and go within this realme by the kynges assente, and to make processe therupon by Capias onely. And that the Justices of Assyse in euery shyres of Englande, shall haue fulle power and auctorytee to here and determyne in theyr sessyons, as well suche treasons commytted and done by waye of poysonninge, as the counterfaytynge of any suche coyne suffered to ronne within this realme, by the kynges assent, as is afore sayde.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by auctoritee of this presente parlyament, that all landes and tenementes and other hereditamentes of any persone and persons, whiche hereafter shall be condemned or atteinted of any treason for poysonyng, as is afore sayde, shall eschete remayne & be to the lordes of the fees, as by the lawes of this realme landes and tenementes of felons or murderers attcynted, haue heretofore excheted, this present acte of treason or any thinge therin conteyned notwithstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge outlandyshe people callynge them selfes Egiptians. capit. x.

FOr as moche as before this tyme dyuers and many outlandyshe people callynge them selues Egiptians vsynge no craft nor feate of marchandyse, haue comen into this realme and goone from shyre to shyre, and place to place in greatte companye, and vsed greatte subtyll and craftye meanes to deceyue the people, bearynge them in hande, that they, by Palmestrye coulde telle mens and womens fortunes, and soo manye tymes by crafte and subtyltee haue deceyued the people of their money: And also hath committed manye and haynous felonyes and robberyes, to the greatte hurte and deceyte of the people that they haue commyn amonge.

¶ Be it therefore by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same ordeyned establysshed and enacted, that from henseforth no suche persones be suffred to come within this the kynges realme.

alme. And if they do, than they and euery of them soo doinge shall forfayte to the kynge our soueraigne lorde all their goodes and cattalles, and than to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within. xv. dayes nexte after the commaundement, vpon peyne of imprisonement. And it shall be laufull to euery Shiriffe, Justice of peace, and Eschetour, to seyse to the vse of oure soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, all suche goodes as they or any of them shall haue: And thereof to make accompte to our sayde soueraign lorde in his Eschequer. And if it shall happen any suche stranger hereafter to commyt within this realme any murder robberye or any other felonye, and therof be indicted and arrayned, and to pleade not gylte, or any other plee triable by the countrey: that then the enquest that shall passe betwene the kynge and any suche partie, shall be all to gether of englyshmen, all be it that the partie so indicted praye medietatem lingue, accordyng to the statute of Anno. viii. Henrici. vi. or of any other statute therof made.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that the Egyptians nowe beynge in this realme, haue monition to departe within. xvi. dayes after proclamacion of this estatute amonge them shall be made, vpon peyne of imprysonemente & forfayture of theyr goodes and cattelles. And if they than soo departe, that than they shall not forfayte theyr goodes nor any parte therof, this present estatute not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that euery suche persone or persones, whiche canne proue by. ii. credible persones before the same partye that seyseth suche moneye goodes or cattelles of the same Egyptians, that any parte of the same goodes money or cattalles were craftely or felonously taken or stollen from hym, shall be incontinent restored vnto the same goodes money or cattelles, wherof he maketh suche proue before the same partie, that soo seyseth the same moneye goodes or cattelles, vpon peyne to forfayte to the same partie that maketh suche proue, the double value of the same by actyon of Dette bylle or other wyse in any of the kynges courtes to be sued: vppon whiche action and suite he shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne to be allowed, any thynge in the acte to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded always, and be it farther enacted, that if any Justyce of peace Sheryffe or Eschetour, which by auctorite of this acte haue power to take or sease any goodes or cattelles of any Egyptians at any tyme hereafter do sease or take the goodes or cattelles of any suche Egyptians: that then euery suche Justyce Sheryffe or Eschetour doynge the same, shall haue kepe and reteyne to his owne vse the moytee of al suche goodes so by him seased, and of the other moytee so by hym taken or seased shall make answere and accompte to the kynge in his Eschequer, accordynge to the tenour of this present acte: any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrarye hereof not withstandynge. And that vppon any accompte hereafter to be made for the sayde other moytee of the same goodes, the accomptante shall paye noo

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maner of fees or other charges for his accompt or discharge to be had in the kynges eschequer, nor elles where.

¶ An acte concernynge Powdyke in Marshelande. cap. xi.

WHeretofore this time diuers euyll disposed persons of theyr peruersed and euyll disposicion, malyciously at dyuers and sondry tymes, haue cutte caste downe and broken vp diuers parties of the dyke called the newe Powdyke in Marshelande, in the countre of Norfolke. And the broken dyke otherwyse called Oldefelde dyke by Marshelande in the Ile of Elye, in the countye of Cambridge: by reason whereof as well by the gret aboundaunce of the salte water, as also by the course of the freshe water, entrynge and commynge into and by the sayde partyes of the sayde dyches so broken and caste downe, the grounde and pastures within the countrey of Marshelande in the counties afore saide, hath ben dyuers and many tymes drowned and surrounded with the waters aforesayde, soo that no profytte ther of myght be taken by the owners and occupiers of the saide grounde and pastures within Marshelande aforesayde. For the drowninge whereof the sayde owners and occupiers of the sayde grounde, and the inhabytantes within the sayde Marsheland and the leuel of the same, at many and sondry tymes haue benne not onely put to importunate charges and expences to theyr extreme damages and costes, but also to their great vndoynge, haue loste moche of theyr cattel and beastes than beynge and pasturyng vpon and within Marshelande aforesayde, to theyr great damage and losse, and to the great decay of the common weale of the countreys adioynyng to the same. And also by reason of the same waters moche people haue benne drowned in theyr beddes within theyr houses, and haue lost the moste parte of theyr goodes beinge within the same.

¶ For the reformation wherof be it ordeyned enacted and establysshed by the kynge our souerayne lorde, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled and by the auctoritee of the same, that euerye suche peruerse and malicious cuttynge downe and brekynge vp of any parte or parties of the sayde dykes, or of any other banke, beynge parcell of the rynde and vttermoste parte of the said countrey of Marshelande aforesayd, made for the defence and saluacion of the same countreye of Marshelande, at euery tyme and tymes from hensforth by any person or persons committed and done, otherwise than in wor kynge vpon the sayde bankes or dykes for the repayrynge fortifienge and mendynge of the same: be taken reputed and adiudged felonye. And that the offendours and doers of the same and euerye of them be adiudged and reputed felons. And that the Justices of the peace of the sayde countyes of Norfolke and Cambrydge, within the sayde Ile, at euery of theyr sessyons within

with the same Ile and countyes to be keped, by the auctoritee aforsayde, haue full power to cause enquyrie to be made of euery suche offence, so at any tyme in fourme aforesayde, hereafter to be committed and done and to awarde lyke processe agaynste euery of the sayd offendours, with lyke iugement and execution of the same (if they or any of them be therof founde gyltee by verdite or otherwyse) as the sayde Justice hath vsed and accustomed to do vpon other felonyes beynge felonye at the common lawe.

¶ An acte concernyng howe aged, poore, and impotent persons compelled to lyue by almes, shall be ordered: and howe vacabounde and myghty stronge beggers shall be punished, cap. xii.

WHere in all places throughe out this realme of England, vacabounde and beggars haue of longe time increased, and dayely do increase in greate and excessiue nombres by the occasyon of ydelnesse, mother and roote of all vyces, wherby hath insurged and spronge, and daiely insurgeth and springeth continual thefftes, murders, and other sondry heynous offences and great enormytees, to the hygh displeasure of god, the inquietation and damage of the kynges people, and to merualous disturbaunce of the common weale of this realme: And where as many and sondrye good lawes streyte statutes and ordynaunces haue bene before this tyme deuysed and made, as well by the kynge our souerayne lorde, as also by dyuers his moste noble progenitours kynges of Englande, for the moste necessarye and due reformacion of the premysses: Yet that not withstandynge the sayde nombres of vacabounde and beggers be not sene in any partie to be mynished, but rather dayely augmented and increased into greatte routes and companyes, as euidently and manyfestlye it dothe and maye appere. Be it therefore enacted by the kynge oure souerayne lorde, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that the Justices of the peace of all and syngular the shyres of Englande within the lymyttes of their commissions, and all other Justices of peace Mayres Sheryffes Baylyffes and other officers of all and euerye citee borroughe ryddynges or franches within the realme of Englande, within the lymittes of their auctoritee, shall from tyme to tyme as often as nede shall require by theyr discrecions, deuyde them selfe within the sayde shyres citees borroughes ryddynges or fraunchelses, wherof they be Justyces of peace Mayres Sheryffes Baylyffes, or officers, and so beyng deuyded shal make diligente serche and inquerie of all aged poore and impotent persones, whethe lyue or of necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes of the charitee of the people, that be or shall be hereafter abydynge within euerye hundred rape wapentake citee borroughe parysshe lybertee or fraunches within the

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limittes of theyr diuision, and after and vpon suche serche made, the sayde Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes bailiffes and other officers, that is to saye, euery of them within their lymyttes of their auctorities, whervnto they be deuided, shal haue power and auctoritee by theyr discretions to enable to begge within suche hundrede rape wapentake citee towne parisshe or other limittes, as they shall appoynte, suche of the saide impotent persones, whiche they shal fynde and thinke most conuenient within the limittes of their diuision, to lyue of the charitee and almes of the people, and to giue in commaundement to euery suche aged and impotent begger (by them enabled) that none of them shall begge without the lymittes to them soo appoynted, and shal also regester and wryte the names of euery suche impotent begger, by theim appoynted, in a byll or rolle indented, the one parte therof to remayne with them selfe, and the other parte by them to be certified before the Justices of peace at the nexte sessions after suche serche hadde, to be holden within the sayde shires, cities, townes, or franchises, there to remayne vnder the kepyng of Custos Rotulorum. And that the sayde Justices of peace Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes and other officers, that is to saye, as they be deuyded, shall haue power and auctoritee to make suche and so many seales to be engraued with the names of the hundredes rapes wapentakes cities boroughes townes or places, within the whiche they shall appoynte and lymitte euery suche impotent person to begge, and commytte the sayde seales to the custody of suche of them, or to the custody of suche other, as they shall thynke conuenient, and shall make and delyuer to euery suche impotente person, by them enabled to begge, a letter conteyning the name of suche impotente personne, and witnessinge that he is auctorised to begge, and the lymittes, within whiche he is appoynted to begge. The same letter to be seled with suche of the sayde seales, as shall be engraued with the names of the lymitte, wherin suche impotent person shalbe appoynted to begge in, and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde Justices or officers aboue sayd. And if any suche impotent person so auctorised to begge, do begge in any other place than within such limittes, that he shalbe assigned vnto, that then the Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes constables and all other the kynges officers and ministers, shall by theyr discretions punyshe all suche persones by imprisonemente in the stockes by the space of .ii. dayes and .ii. nyghtes, gyuynge them but onely breade and water, and after that cause euery suche impotent person to be swore to retourne ageyne without delay to the hundrede rape wapentake citie borough towne parisshe or franches, where they be auctorised to begge in.

¶ And it is enacted, that no suche impotent person, as is aboue sayd, after the feaste of the natiuitie of saynte John Baptyste nexte commynge: shall begge within any parte of this realme, excepte he be auctorised by writinge vnder seale, as is aboue sayde. And if any suche impotent persone after the sayde feaste of saint John, be vagarant and go abegging, hauing no suche

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WHere in all places throughe out this realme of England, vacabounde and beggars haue of longe time increased, and dayely do increase in greate and excessiue nombres by the occasyon of ydelnesse, mother and roote of all vyces, wherby hath insurged and spronge, and daiely insurgeth and sprongeth continual thefftes, murders, and other sondry heynous offences and great enormytees, to the hygh displeasure of god, the inquietation and damage of the kynges people, and to meruaylous disturbaunce of the common weale of this realme: And where as many and sondrye good lawes streyte statutes and ordynaunces haue bene before this tyme deuysed and made, as well by the kynge our souerayne lorde, as also by dyuers his moste noble progenitours kynges of Englande, for the moste necessarye and due reformacion of the premysses: Yet that not withstandynge the sayde nombres of vacabounde and beggers be not sene in any partie to be mynished, but rather dayely augmented and increased into greatte routes and companyes, as euidently and manyfestlye it dothe and maye appere. Be it therefore enacted by the kynge oure souerayne lorde, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that the Justices of the peace of all and syngular the shyres of Englande within the lymyttes of their commissions, and all other Justices of peace Mayres Sheryffes Baylyffes and other officers of all and euerye citee borroughe ryddynges or franches within the realme of Englande, within the lymittes of their auctoritee, shall from tyme to tyme as often as nede shall require by theyr discrecions, deuyde them selfe within the sayde shyres citees borroughes ryddynges or fraunncheses, wherof they be Justyces of peace Mayres Sheryffes Baylyffes, or officers, and so beyng deuyded shal make diligente serche and inquerie of all aged poore and impotent personnes, whethe lyue or of necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes of the charitee of the people, that be or shall be hereafter abydynge within euerye hundred rape wapentake citee borroughe parysshe lybertee or fraunches within the

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limittes of theyr diuision, and after and vpon suche serche made, the sayde Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes bailiffes and other officers, that is to saye, euery of them within their lymyttes of their auctorities, whervnto they be deuided, shal haue power and auctoritee by theyr discretions to enable to begge within suche hundrede rape wapentake citee towne parisshe or other limittes, as they shall appoynte, suche of the saide impotent persones, whiche they shal fynde and thinke most conuenient within the limittes of their diuision, to lyue of the charitee and almes of the people, and to giue in commaundement to euery suche aged and impotent begger (by them enabled) that none of them shall begge without the lymittes to them soo appoynted, and shal also regester and wryte the names of euery suche impotent begger, by theim appoynted, in a byll or rolle indented, the one parte therof to remayne with them selfe, and the other parte by them to be certified before the Justices of peace at the nexte sessions after suche serche hadde, to be holden within the sayde shires, cities, townes, or francheses, there to remayne vnder the kepyng of Custos Rotulorum. And that the sayde Justices of peace Mayres Sheryffes baylyffes and other officers, that is to saye, as they be deuyded, shall haue power and auctoritee to make suche and so many seales to be engraued with the names of the hundredes rapes wapentakes cities boroughes townes or places, within the whiche they shall appoynte and lymitte euery suche impotent person to begge, and commytte the sayde seales to the custody of suche of them, or to the custody of suche other, as they shall thynke conuenient, and shall make and delyuer to euery suche impotente person, by them enabled to begge, a letter conteyning the name of suche impotente personne, and witnessinge that he is auctorised to begge, and the lymittes, within whiche he is appoynted to begge. The same letter to be seled with suche of the sayde seales, as shall be engraued with the names of the lymitte, wherin suche impotent person shalbe appoynted to begge in, and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde Justices or officers aboue sayd. And if any suche impotent person so auctorised to begge, do begge in any other place than within such limittes, that he shalbe assigned vnto, that then the Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes constables and all other the kynges officers and ministers, shall by theyr discretions punyshe all suche persones by imprisonemente in the stockes by the space of .ii. dayes and .ii. nyghtes, gyuynge them but onely breade and water, and after that cause euery suche impotent person to be sworne to retourne ageyne without delay to the hundrede rape wapentake citie borough towne parisshe or franches, where they be auctorised to begge in.

¶ And it is enacted, that no suche impotent person, as is aboue sayd, after the feaste of the natiuitie of saynte John Baptyste nexte commynge: shall begge within any parte of this realme, excepte he be auctorised by writinge vnder seale, as is aboue sayde. And if any suche impotent persone after the sayde feaste of saint John, be vagarant and go abegging, hauing no suche

letter vnder seale, as is aboue specified: that then the constables and all other inhabitaunces, within suche towne or parysshe, where suche persomne shall begge, shall cause euery suche begger to be taken and broughte to the nexte Justice of peace, or hyghe constable of the hundrede: And there vpon the sayde Justice of peace, or highe constable, shall commaunde the sayde constables and other inhabitaunces of the towne or parisshe, whiche shall bryng before hym any suche begger, that they shall stripe hym naked from the myddell vpwarde, and cause him to be whipped within the towne where he was taken, or within some other towne, where the same Justice or hyghe constable shal appoynt: if it shal seme to the discretion of the said Justice of peace or hyghe constable, that it be conuenient so to punyshe such begger to him broughte: And if not, than to commaunde suche begger to be set in the stockes in the same towne or parisshe, where he was taken, by the space of thre dayes and thre nightes, there to haue onely breade and water, and there vppon the sayde Justice or hyghe constable, afore whom suche beger shall be brought, shall ymitte to him a place to begge in, and giue to him a letter vnder seale in forme aboue remembred, and swere hym to departe & repayre thyther immediately after his punyshement to him executed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or personnes beynge hole and myghty in body, and able to labour, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of saynt John be taken in beggyng in any parte of this realme: or if any man or woman beinge hole and myghty in bodye, and able to labour, haupnge no lande, mayster, nor vsynge any lauful marchaundise crafte or mystery whereby he myght getre his lyuinge, after the same feaste be vagrant, and can gyue no reken ynge howe he dothe lefully get his lyuynge: that then it shall be lefull to the constables and al other the kynges officers ministers and subiectes of euery towne parysshe and hamlette to aresl the sayde vacabounder and ydell persones, and theym bryng to any of the Justyces of peace of the same shyre or lybertie, or elles to the hyghe constable of the hundrede rape or wapentake, within whiche suche personnes shall be taken. And if he be taken within any citie or towne corporate: thanne to be broughte before the Mayre Sheriffes or baylyffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euerye suche Justice of peace hyghe Constable Mayres Sheryffes and baylyffes by they discretions, shall cause euery suche ydell persone so to hym broughte to be hadde to the nexte market towne or other place, where the sayde Justices of peace hyghe constable Mayres baylyffes and other officers, shall thinke moste conuenient by his or they discretions, and there to be tyed to the ende of a carte naked and be beten with whyppes throughe out the same markette towne or other place tyll his body be blody by reason of suche whyppynge. And after suche punyshment and whyppynge hadde, the persomne soo punyshed by the discretion of the Justyce of peace, hyghe Constable, Mayre, Sheryffes, baylyffes and other officers, afore whome suche persomne shall be broughte,

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ſhall be enioyned vppon his othe, to retourne forthewith without delaye in the nexte and ſtreighte waye to the place where he was borne or where he laſte dwelled before the ſame puniſhemente by the ſpace of thre yeres, and there to putte him ſelfe to labour, lyke as a trewe man oweth to do. And after that done, euery ſuche perſonne ſo punyſſhed and ordered, ſhall haue a letter ſealed with the ſeale of the hundrede rape wapentake citee borought towne libertie or fraunchiſe, wherein he ſhall be punyſſhed, wytneſſynge that he hath ben punyſſhed accordynge to this eſtatute, and conteynynge the daye and place of his punyſſhemente, and the place wherevnto he is lymytted to go: and by what tyme he is lymytted to come thyther, within whiche tyme he maye laufully begge by the waye, ſhewinge the ſame letter, and otherwiſe nat. And if he do not accomplyſſhe the order to hym appoynted by the ſaide letter, than to be eftſones taken and whypped, and ſo as often as any defaute ſhal be founde in hym, contrary to the order of this eſtatute, in euery place to be taken and whypped, tyll he be repayred where he was borne, or where he laſte dwelled by the ſpace of thre yeres, and there putte his body to labour for his lyuyng, or otherwyſe trewely gette his lyuynge without beggynge, as longe as he is able ſo to do. And if the perſonne ſoo whipped be an ydell perſon and no common begger, than after ſuche whyppinge he ſhall be kepte in the ſtockes tylle he hathe founde ſuertie to goo to ſeruyce, or elles to labour, after the diſcretion of the ſayde Juſtice of peace Mayres Sheriffes bailiffes highe conſtables, or other ſuche officers, afore whome any ſuche ydell perſonne, beynge no common begger, ſhall be brought, if by the diſcretion of the ſame Juſtice of peace Mayre Sheryffe bayly highe Conſtable or other ſuche hede officer, it be ſo thought conuenyente, and that the partie ſo punyſſhed, be able to fynde ſuertie, or elles to be ordred and ſworne to repayre to the place where he was borne, or where he laſte dwelled by the ſpace of thre yeres, and to haue lyke letter and ſuche further punyſhemente, if he eftſones offende this eſtatute, as is aboue appointed to and for the common ſtronge and able beggers, and ſo from tyme to tyme to be ordered and punyſhed tyl he put his body to labour, or otherwiſe gette his lyuynge trewely accordynge to the lawe. And that the Juſtices of the peace of euery ſhyre ryddynge citee towne and libertie, ſhall haue power and auctoritee within the lymittes of theyr commiſſions, to enquere of all Mayres bailiffes conſtables and other officers and perſons, that ſhalbe negligent in executynge of this acte.

¶ And if the conſtables and inhabitauntes within any towne or pariſſhe, where any ſuche impotent perſon or ſtronge begger dothe happen to begge contrary to the fourme of this eſtatute, be negligente, and take not euerye ſuche impotent and ſtronge begger, that ſo ſhall begge agayne the fourme of this eſtatute, and order and punyſſhe euery ſuche begger, as is aboue limitted, that then the towneſhyp or pariſſhe, where ſuche defaute ſhall be, ſhall loſe and forfaite for euery ſuche impotent begger, that ſhal be ſuffred

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to begge within the saide towneshyp or parisshe, not beinge taken ordered and punysshed accordinge to the fourme of this estatute. iii. s. iiii.d. and for euery stronge begger, that shal happen to begge within any such towneshyppe or parisshe, not beinge taken and ordered as is aboue lympted by this estatute. vi.s. viii.d. The one halfe of all which forfaitures to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that wyll sewe for the same, by any byll of information afore the kynges Justices of his peace in their generall sessions, to be holden in the shyre or within any libertie, where suche defaute shall happen.

¶ And that al Justices of peace within any shire citie borroughe or libertie shall haue full power and auctoritie, as well to here and determyne euerye such defaute by presentment, as by suche byll of information, and vpon euery presentment afore them, and vppon euerye suche byll of informacion, to make processe by distresse ageyne the inhabitauntes of euerye suche towne and parisshe, where any defaute shall be presented or supposed by any suche informacion. By auctoritie of whiche distresse the sheriffe or other officer, to whome by the lawe suche distresse shall be made, shall distreyne the goodes and catteles of suche one or two of the sayd inhabitauntes, as he may haue knowlege were mooste negligent and in defaute in the execution of this acte, and the sayde distresse retayne tyl they finde suertie to appere at the sessions lymitted in the sayde distresse. And in case they appere and confesse the defaute, or elles if they trauerse the presentmente, and it be tried againe them by verdite, or deny the informacion, and it be proued ageyne theym by sufficient witnes: than the sayde Justices of peace in their sessions shall haue auctoritee to assesse the fines as ben aboue limitted after the rates aboue sayde, and to make processe for the leuyenge of the same by distresse of the inhabitantes of suche townes or parysshes, where suche defaute shall be tried or proued. And that euery suche fine, if it growe by presentment, to be onely to the kynges vse. And if it growe by information: than the moytee therof to be to hym that pursueth the information for the same, and the other moytee therof to the kynges vse as is aforesayde. And if any suche persone or persones distreined appere not at the daye and place conteined in suche distresse, then vpon the returne of the sheriffe or other officer, to whom the distresse was deliuered to execute, that suche persone or personnes were distreined: then euery suche persone or personnes so distreyned, at the fyrst distresse shal lose. xl.d. and at the seconde. vi.s. viii.d. and so to be doubled vpon euery distresse in suche cases to be awarded: tyll apparaunce maye be had by one of the inhabitantes of suche towne or parysshe to denie trauerse or confesse the presentmente or informacion exhybited ageyne anye suche towne or paryshe: to the entent that vpon trial or profe therof, the fynes aboue limitted may be assessed and leuied of the inhabitantes of euery suche towne or parisshe as is aboue rehersed,

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that scholers of the vniuersities

uerſities of Oxforde and Cambrydge, that go about beggynge, not beinge authoryſed vnder the ſeale of the ſayde vnyuerſities by the commyſſarye Chauncellour or vycchancellour of the ſame, and al and ſynguler ſhypmen, pretendynge loſſes of theyr ſhyppes and goodes of the ſee, goynge aboute the countreye beggynge without ſufficiente auctoritee, wytneſſynge the ſame: ſhall be punyſſhed and ordered in maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed of ſtronge beggers. And that all proctours, and pardoners goynge aboute in any countrey or countrayes, without ſufficient auctorite, and all other ydell perſonnes goynge aboute in any countreye, or abydynge in any citie boroughe or towne, ſome of theym vſynge dyuers and ſubtyll craftye and vnlawefull games and playes, and ſome of them feynynge them ſelfes to haue knowledge in phiſike phiſnamye palmeſtrye or other craftye ſcyences, wherby they beare the people in hande, that they canne tell theyr deſtenyes deceſſes and fortunes, and ſuche other lyke fantaſticall imaginatyons, to the great diſceyte of the kynges ſubiectes, ſhall vpon examynation hadde before two Juſtices of peace, wherof the one ſhall be of the Quorum, if he by prouable wytneſſe be founde gylty of any ſuche deceytes, be punyſſhed by whyppinge at two dayes to gether after the maner before reherſed. And if he eftſones offende in the ſayde offence or any lyke offence: then to be ſcourged .ii. dayes, and the thyrde daye to be putte vpon the pyllorye from .ix. of the clocke tyll a. xi. before noone of the ſame daye, and to haue one of his eares cutte of. And if he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punyſhement with whyppynge, ſtandyng on the pillory, and to haue his other eare cutte of. And that Juſtices of the peace haue lyke auctoritee in euery libertie and franchiſe within their ſhyres, where they be Juſtices of peace, for the execution of this acte in euerye parte thereof, as they ſhall haue without the libertie or franchiſe.

¶ Alſo it is further enacted, that this acte ſhall yerely be redde in the open ſeſſions, to thentent that the ſayde eſtatute ſhall be the more feared and the better put in execution.

¶ And further more be it enacted, that if any perſone or perſonnes at any tyme hereafter gyue any herborowe moneye or lodgynge to any beggers, beynge ſtronge and able in their bodyes to worke, whiche order theym ſelfes contrary to the fourme of this eſtatute: that euery ſuche perſonne ſo doynge, beyng ſufficiently proued or preſented afore any Juſtices of peace, ſhall make ſuche fine to the kynge, as by the diſcrecion of the ſayde Juſtyces of peace at theyr generall ſeſſions ſhall be aſſeſſed. And yf any perſon or perſones do dyſturbe or lette the execution of this acte in any maner wyſe, or make reſcous agayne any Maire Sheryffe baylyffe or other perſon that ſhall endeuour him ſelfe for the due execution therof: it is than enacted, that euery ſuche perſon and perſons, for euery ſuch offence doynge, ſhal loſe and forfait. C. s. and ouer that to haue impriſonment at the kinges wil. The one halfe of whiche forfayture if ſuch offence be committed in any citie or towne

corporate to be to the mayre sheriffe baylyffeo? other herd offycers of suche citie o? towne corporate, where any suche offence shall be done, to the vse of the communaltie of euery suche citie o? towne corporate. And if it be commytted out of a citie o? towne corporate, than the sayde one halfe to be to the lorde of the lete o? lawedaye, where suche offence shall be doone, and the other halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord. For the whiche forfayture of. v.li. recouery shall be had by action of dette bylle playnte o? informacion in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche suites the defendantes shall not mage their lawe, no? haue any essoyne o? protection allowed.

¶ Prouyded allwaye that this acte no? any thynge therin conteyned, shall be hurtefull o? preiudiciall to the barons o? other inhabytantes of the fyue portes o? of their membres: neither to any graunt lybertie o? franchise heretofore made by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, o? any his progenytours kynges of Englande, to the sayde barons o? other inhabitantes they? auncestours predecessours o? to any of theym. And that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that all and euery Mayre and maires, and baylye and baylyffes, electife and elected by the commons and inhabitauntes of euery towne and place of the sayde portes and membres, and also iurates of euery of the saide townes and places of the sayde portes and membres shall haue lyke auctoritie within euery suche towne and place, where they o? any of them be o? shall be Mayre baylyffe o? iurate, to put o? cause to be put this acte in due execucion, as the Justices of peace in any countie of this realme, haue o? shall haue auctoritie and power by this acte to doo, where they be Justices. And that the inhabitauntes within euerye towne within the saide portes, shall be bounden to the execution of this acte, lyke as other inhabytauntes be without the sayde portes, vpon lyke peyne as is aboue remembred. And if any person o? persons, whiche shal inhabyte within the sayde. v. portes o? membres, be impotente, o? other ydell person, doo here after begge withoute the sayd? fyue portes o? membres of the same. contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person shall be ordered and punyshed accordynge to this acte, any thynge in this prouyso to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the seales aboue rehersed, shall be made at the costes and charges of the Justices of peace, Mayres Sheriffes baylyffes and other officers aboue wrytten, on this side the feast of the Natiuitee of saincte John Baptyst nexte commynge, that is to saye, that euery of them shall do the sayde seales to be made within the lymittes of their diuysion iurisdiction and auctorytees.

¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted, that euery letter to be made by the auctoritie of this acte, wherby any impotente begger shalbe auctorised and assigned to begge, shalbe made in this forme ensuynge.

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cions is lycenced to begge within the hundzede of P.K.and L.in the sayde countie.Gyuen vnder the seale of that limitte, Tali die et Anno.

¶ And that euery suche letter that shalbe made and delyuered to such begger or vacabounde,after he hathe be whypped by auctozitie of this act,shal be made in this wise folowynge.

¶ Kente.ss. ¶ I.S.whypped foz a vagrante stronge begger at Dale in the sayde countie,accozdynge to the lawe,the.xxii.day of July,in the.xxiii. yere of kynge Henry the. viii. was assigned to passe fozthwith and directly from thens to Sale in the countie of Midd̄,where he sayth he was bozne, oz where he laste dwelled by the tyme of.iii.yeres. And he is lympted to be there within.xiiii.dayes nexte ensuenge at his parell, oz within suche nombze of dayes,as to hym shalbe lymitted by the discrecion of the maker of the sayde letter. In wytnesse wherof the seale of the lymitte of the sayd place of his punysshmente herevnto is sette.

¶ And it is enacted, that euerye suche letter shall be made at the equalle costes of suche the sayde Justices Mayzes Sheryffes Baylyffes oz other officers,within whose iurisdiction powers and auctozities the sayd begger oz vacabounde shall be whypped oz lympted to begge in, by auctozytie of this acte.And euery suche letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one of the sayde Justyces Mayzes Sheryffes Baylyffes oz other officers in this fourme folowynge:Per me.I.B.vnum Justiciariozum pacis,oz maiozem ciuitatis, oz balliuum ville,oz constabularium talis hundzedi,oz els in like fourme in englysshe.

¶ And it is further enacted,that euery suche person and persones as haue the custody of any Gayles within any shyze cytie bozoughe oz towne cozporate,on this syde the feaste of saint Jhon the Baptyst, shal do make a seale engraued with the name of the castell pzyson oz Gayle, whiche he kepethe. And in case any persone oz persones,that at any tyme after the sayde feaste of saunte Johñ,shall be deliuered out of any Gayle oz pzison foz suspecious of felony by pzoclamacion,oz be acquytte of any felony,and hath no frendes to paye his fees, noz was bozne within the hundzed oz place where he shall happen to be so delyuered,noz can get hym no mayster, there to abyde and wozke with,shall haue lybertie to begge foz his fees, by the lycence of his keper,by the space of. vi. wekes nexte after suche delyueraunce, and after that to be compelled to go to the hundzed,where he was bozne oz laste dwelled,by the space of.iii.yeres,within suche tyme as shall be lymitted by one of the Justices of peace Mayzes Sheriffes baylyffes oz any officers,where suche delyueraunce shall be had.

¶ And it is enacted, that euery suche persone soo delyuered, shall haue a letter made to hym by the clercke of the peace of the shyze, within the whiche he was delyuered, if he be deliuered in the shyze:and if he be delyuered in any citie bozoughe oz towne cozpozate, than he to haue a letter of the common clerke of euery suche citie bozoughe oz towne, where he is delyuered,

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euery ſuche letter witneſſinge the daye of his deliuerannce, and the place where he was delyuered, and afore whom, and the tyme appointed to hym to begge for his fees, and the place to the whiche he ſhall be aſſigned to repayre vnto, in caſe he can get no mayſter to fall to worke where he was deliuered. And to euery ſuche letter the ſayde Gaylour or keper of priſon, out of the whiche ſuche perſone ſhall be delyuered: ſhall put the ſeale lymytted to be made as is aforeſaide for the ſaide priſon. And that euerye ſuche letter ſhall be made in this wyſe folowynge.

Eſſex. ſſ. ¶ The.xx.daye of Julye, Anno regni regis Henrici. viii. xxiii. I.S. was delyuered for felony out of the Gayle of.D. in the ſayde countie, at the ſeſſions holden afore A. B. and his felowes at Sale, the day and yere afore ſayde, and is alowed to begge for his fees by the ſpace of. vi. wekes. And in caſe he can get him no mayſter to worke within the ſayde terme, than he is aſſigned to paſſe directly to D. in the countie of Kente, where he ſaythe he was borne, or laſte dwelled by the ſpace of. iii. yeres. And he is allowed. xiiii. dayes next after the ſaide. vi. wekes for his paſſage thyther, or ſuche nombre of dayes, as to hym ſhall be lymytted by the diſcretion of the maker of the ſaide letter. In wytneſſe whereof the ſeale of the pryſonne, from the whiche he was delyuered, ther vnto is ſette. And in ſuche shyres, where there is no Gayle, the ſheryffe therof, for the tyme beynge, ſhall cauſe a ſeale to be engraued with the name of the shyre, and ſhall order and vſe the ſame ſeale to and for ſuche perſones delyuered as is aforeſayde, after lyke maner and fourme as the Gayler or keper of the Gayle is lymitted and appoynted to do by this acte.

¶ And it is alſo enacted, that euerye clerke of the peace of the shyre, within the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be delyuered, and euery common clerke of euery citie borough or towne corporate, within the whiche any ſuche perſonne ſhall be delyuered, ſhal make for euery ſuche perſon as ſhalbe ſo delyuered, where they be ſuche officers, the ſayde letter in forme aboue ſaid, without any fee takynge for the ſame, and ſhall delyuer euery ſuche letter to the Gaylour or keper of the priſon, from the whiche ſuche perſon ſhall be delyuered. And if there be noo Gayle there, then to the ſheriffe of the shyre where ſuche delyueraunce ſhall be hadde, within one daye nexte after the ende of the ſeſſions, where any ſuche delyueraunce is had, vppon peyne to loſe and forfayte for defaute of euery letter. xii. d. to the kynge our ſouerayne lorde. And that the Gaylour or keper of the priſon, from the which the ſaide perſon ſhal be ſo delyuered, and in caſe there be no Gayle, than the ſhyriffe of the shyre where any ſuche delyueraunce ſhall be had, ſhall not ſuffre any ſuche perſon to go abrode to begge for his fees, nor departe out of priſon, excepte it be to ſeruice or laboure, vnleſſe the ſame gaylour or sheryffe fyrſte deliuer to the ſayde perſon the ſayde letter, conteynynge his name ſealed with the ſeale of the pryſon from the whithe he ſhall be delyuered, or elles with the ſeale engraued with the name of the shyre, if there be no pryſon, vppon peyne for

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euery defaut to lose.xii.d.to our sayde soueraygne lorde.

¶ And it is enacted,that if any persone or persones so beynge deliuered out of prison at any tyme after the sayde feaste do begge,not hauynge the sayde letter sealed in fourme aboue sayde,or begge contrary to the tenour of the same letter, that than he shall be taken ordered and whipped in euerye behalfe,lyke as is aboue apoynted for stronge beggers. And that to be done and executed by suche as be aboue limitted to do the same vpon strong beggers,and in suche wyse and vpon suche peyne as is afore lymytted for none execution of the punyshement of stronge beggers.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that it be lefull to euery person and persones, beynge bounden by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce to gyue or dystribute any money in almes,and also to euery person and persons at common dooles vsed at burials,or obytes to cause and dispose in almes any money to euery person and persons comynge to such almes or dooles,after lyke maner & forme as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe afore the makyng of this acte without any daunger or penaltie of this estatute, any thynge conteyned in this present estatute to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded also that it be lefull to al maisters and gouernours of hospytals to lodge and herborough any person or persons of charitie or almes accordynge to the foundacion of suche hospytalles,and to gyue money in almes, in as large maner and fourme as they are bounden or owen to do,any thinge in this estatute to the contrary hereof not withstandynge. And this acte to endure vnto the laste day of the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte concerninge that no person or persons straungers,beyng a common baker,bruer, surgeon,or scriuener shall be expowned hande craftes men. cap.xiii.

WHere diuers estatutes penall heretofore haue ben made agayne strangers artificers for exercisyng of handy craftes within this realme,and for keppyng of houses apprentises and seruauntes estrangers, as by the sayde seuerall estatutes more playnely is rehersed. Sythen the makyng wherof bere bruers and bakers,whiche ben common victaylers,and also surgens and scriueners beynge straungers inhabyted and dwellynge within this realme,haue ben put to trouble and great veration by occasion of informacion brought ageyne them vpon the sayde estatutes,supposynge that straungers vsynge bakynge bruyng surgery or writynge shulde be hand craftes men: vpon the whiche informacion great doubtes and ambiguities haue ryssen, whether strangers vsynge any of the sayde misteryes or sciences shulde be vnderstande suche hande craftes men as were entended by any the sayde estatutes. For playne declaracion wherof it is enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde,and the lordes

lo;des ſpirituall and tempo;all, and the commous in this p;eſente parlya-
ment aſſembled, and by auctho;itee of the ſame, that no perſon o; perſonnes
ſtraungers, beinge a common baker b;uer ſurgeon o; ſcriuener, ſhall be en-
terp;ete o; expouned hande craftes men, in fo; o; by reaſon of vſinge any of
the ſayde miſteries o; ſciences of bakinge b;uinge ſurgery o; w;iting: And
that all info;mations ſuytes actions and p;oces had taken o; hereafter to
be taken vppon any of the ſayde eſtatutes, agayne any ſuche ſtraunger o;
ſtraungers, beinge bakers b;uers ſurgeons o; ſcriueners ſhall be by aucto-
ritie of this p;eſent acte voyde and of none effect.

¶ An acte concernynge howe perſons committinge pety treaſon murder o; felony ſhall abiure. cap. xiiii.

THe kynge our ſoueraigne lo;de conſideringe that manye of his ſubiectes heretofo;e fo; their offences and merites haue ben put to execution of deathe, by the lawes of this realme, and manye other commyttynge lyke offences fo; tuicion of their lyues, haue fledde and reſo;ted to chur-
ches and other halowed places within this realme, and there beynge, haue abiured the realme befo;e the kynges Co;oners of the ſame: Dyuers of whiche men, ſo abiuringe, haue benne knowen to be ve-
rye experte maryners, and many other haue benne ſene to be very able and apte men fo; the warres and fo; defence of this realme, ſo that by the one meane and the other the ſtrengthe and power of this realme is greatly im-
niſſhed. And dyuers of the ſaide perſonnes, whiche heretofo;e haue abiu-
red this realme, beinge by reaſon of their abiurucions in outewarde re-
almes and countreyes, haue not only p;ocured many men of the ſame to the exercyſe and p;actiſe of archerie, and haue inſtructed them in the feate and knowlege therof, to the great encreaſe and fo;tifications of the ſame oute-
warde realmes and countreys, but alſo the ſame abiured perſonnes haue diſcloſed their knowleges of the commodities and ſecretes of this realme, to no lytell damage and p;eiudice of the ſame. The kynges highnes therfo;e dayelye ſtudyenge and deuiſinge to p;ouyde fo; the ſauegarde of this his realme and of his ſubiectes, all be it they be tranſgreſſours of his lawes, ſo that the incommodites enſuinge vpon ſuche abiurations to be p;eſerued to the beſte effecte, as ferre as ſhall pleaſe god to gyue theym grace, hath o;-
deyned and enacted by auctho;itie of this p;eſente parliamente, that if any perſone hereafter flee o; reſo;te to any paryſſhe churche Cimito;ie o; othet like halowed place fo; tuition of his lyfe, by occaſion of any murder robbe-
rye o; other felony by the ſame perſone committed, and thervppon confeſſe any murder felonye o; other offence befo;e the co;oner, wherefo;e the ſame perſone by the lawes of this realme herefo;e vſed ſhoulde abiure and paſſe out of the ſame, the ſame perſonne thervppon ſhall abiure from all his ly-
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bertie of this realme, and from his lyberall and free habytations reſoꝛtes and paſſages to and from the vniuerſall places of this realme, whiche appertayne to the libertie of the kynges ſubiectes vndefamed, and ſhall foꝛth with be directed by the coꝛoner, takyng and recoꝛdynge ſuche abiuration, to any one ſayntuarie beinge within this realme, whiche the ſame perſone wyll electe and choſe, there to remayne as a ſayntuarie perſonne abiured, duringe his naturall lyfe, and to be ſwoꝛne afoꝛe the coꝛoner vpon his abiurations ſo to do, and to be burned in the hande, accoꝛdynge to the ſtatute in that caſe pꝛouided. And euery perſone ſo abiured ſhall be directed and conueyed to the ſame ſaintuarie by hym choſen, by the conſtables and other officers, and in euerye behalfe oꝛdered after lyke maner and fourme as he ſhulde haue ben in caſe he ſhulde haue abiured this realme foꝛ anye murder oꝛ felony after the lawes of the lande. And if after ſuch abiuracion any perſone ſo abiured come out of the ſame ſeyntuary, to the whiche he was aſſygned, and be taken without the ſame ſayntuary, not haueynge the kynges ſpecial pardon oꝛ licence ſo to do: than euery ſuche perſon abiured, and after abiuracion taken without ſaintuary wherunto he was aſſigned, ſhall ſuffre ſuche lyke peine of deathe, and after lyke maner be oꝛdered, as he ſhoulde haue done and ben, in caſe he had abiured this realme foꝛ murder oꝛ felony, and after ſuche abiuration had retourned againe into this realme contrarye to the lawes of this lande.

¶ And furthermoꝛe it is enacted, that if any ſuche ſayntuarie perſon ſo abiured, oꝛ any other perſone oꝛ perſones, whiche nowe be oꝛ is, oꝛ hereafter ſhall happen to be in any ſeyntuarie of this realme, foꝛ doinge any pety treſon murder oꝛ felony, oꝛ foꝛ beinge acceſſary to any ſuche offences: oꝛ if anye perſon oꝛ perſones, whiche at any tyme hereafter ſhal take any ſaintuary of this realme, foꝛ doing any pety treaſon murder oꝛ felony, oꝛ foꝛ beynge acceſſary to any ſuche offences, oꝛ vpon abiuracion, and ſo beinge in ſaintuarye foꝛ oꝛ vpon any ſuche cauſe matter oꝛ offence, afterwarde committe oꝛ do any pety treaſon murder oꝛ felony within the ſame ſeintuarye, oꝛ be acceſſary to any ſuche offences, oꝛ go out of the ſame ſayntuarye and committe any pety treaſon murder oꝛ felony, oꝛ be acceſſary to any ſuche offences, and after come ageyne to the ſame ſaintuarie, oꝛ take any other ſayntuary foꝛ the ſame, euery ſuche perſone and perſones beinge endited foꝛ any of the ſayde cauſes oꝛ offences, ſhall loſe the pꝛiuilege of the ſame ſayntuarie by him taken, & of euery other ſeintuary within this realme foꝛ any ſuch cauſe of pety treaſon murder felony oꝛ abiuracion, and foꝛ any acceſſary to any ſuche offences. And that it ſhall be lefull to all and ſynguler Juſtices of peace, and the hyghe Sheriffe of the countie oꝛ other place, where the ſayntuarie is, and to all and ſenguler Mayꝛes Sheryffes and bailiffes of cities and townes coꝛpoꝛate, where ſuch ſeyntuary is, and to euery of them, and to the ſeruauntes miniſters and officers, oꝛ any oꝛ euerye of the ſame Juſtyces of peace Sheriffes Mayꝛes and baylyffes in theyꝛ pꝛeſence to take out of the

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ſame ſaintuarie or ſaintuaris, all and euery ſuche ſaintuarie perſon or perſones ſo offendynge, as is aforeſaide, and beynge endited of the ſame, and to commytte or put hym or them into the kynges Gaole within the ſhire or libertie, where any ſuche inditement is founde againſte any ſuche perſon, ſafely to be kept tyl they ſhal be of the ſame pety treaſon murder or felony or of the acceſſary to any ſuche offences, wherof they ſhal happen to be endited conuicted attainted or diſcharged by the lawe. And if any perſon or perſons, whiche ſhalbe endited of any pety treaſon murder or felony, or of any acceſſary to any ſuche offence, happen hereafter to be taken out of any ſeyntuary for the ſame by auctoritee of this eſtatute, and vpon his or theyr arayngment plede ſayntuarye, accordynge to the order of the lawe: than it is enacted by the auctoritee aforeſayde, that as well the kynges attourney as euery other perſon for the kynge ſhall be admitted to obiecte and alege, that the perſone ſo arrayned afore the doinge of the offence or offences, wherof he than is arrayned, dyd take priuilege of ſeyntuary in the ſame ſaintuary, whereof he allegeth hym to be taken out, or in any other place priuileged within this realme vpon any abiuracion, or for any other pety treaſon murder or felonye, than whereof he is arrayned, and that he there had and enioyed priuilege of ſayntuary for the ſame, and that he ſo haupnge ones priuilege of ſaintuary in the ſame, dyd commit the offence of pety treaſon murder or felony, wherof he than is arrayned: Or that he went out of the ſayd ſeyntuary, and committed the ſame offence, wherof he is indited and arrayned, and praye that ſuche perſon ſo arrayned may be excluded of reſtitution to the ſayntuary by hym demaunded. And in caſe the ſayde plee and obiection, ſo alleged, be denied by the perſon ſo arrayned, than it is further enacted by the auctoritee afore ſayde, that it ſhall be forthwith tried afore the ſame Juſtices, where ſuche perſone is ſo arrayned, and by the ſame iurours of the ſame countye, that ſhall trie the pety treaſon murder or felonye, whereof he is arrayned, without further delay, in what ſo euer countie or counties, place or places of this realme, the ſame other takynge of ſeyntuarie ſhalbe alleged or obiected to be done or had. And yf the plee ſo obiected ageynſt the ſayde perſonne arreyned, be tryed ageinſt hym by verdite of .xii. men, or by his owne confeſſion, and alſo it be founde by verdite of .xii. men, or by his owne confeſſion, accordynge to the order of the lawe, that he is gylty of the petye treaſone murder or felony, or of any acceſſarye to any ſuch offence, wherof he is ſo arrayned, that then lyke iugement and execution ſhal be gyuen and done vpon euery ſuche perſon as thoughe he had be no ſeiutuarie perſone, nor had claymed or required the priuilege of the ſame. And if any ſuche perſonne be laufully acquited of the pety treaſon murder or felonie, whereof he ſhall be ſo endyted and arrayned, then he ſhall be reſtored to the ſame ſainturie, out of the whiche he was taken, there to haue the priuilege of the ſame, in lyke maner as he had before.

¶ Prouyded alway, that if any perſone beinge or abydynge in any ſainturye, as

arie, as a ſayntuarie perſone, hereafter ſhall happen to be indited for anye maner of felony ſuppoſed to be committed by him or her goyng out of the ſame or any other ſayntuarye, and committyng the ſame felonye whyles that he or ſhe ſo was a ſayntuary perſone, he or ſhe ſo beyng endited of any ſuche felony ſuppoſed to be done without the ſayntuary, ſhall nat be taken out of the ſaintuary, wherin the ſame perſon ſhall than be reſydent, before that he or ſhe be examined therof by two of the kynges moſte honourable counſaile, or by foure Juſtices of peace of the ſhyre, where the ſaintuary is, wherin the perſon ſo indited is reſident. And if the ſame perſone ſo endited within foure dayes after the fyrſte examinacion do make ſuche proofe as the ſaied examiners by theyr diſcrecions ſhall thynke ſufficiente, that the ſame perſon was in the ſayntuary at the tyme of the ſaied felony cõmitted: than he or ſhe makyng ſuche proofe ſhall be ſuffred to remayne and be in the ſame ſayntuary, without any extraction from the ſame, the ſaied enditement or any thyng in this acte aboue written nat withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alſo, that if any perſone, whiche was at any tyme a ſaintuary perſon for any petite treaſon, murder, or felony, optayne and haue the kynges pardon, and therby or otherwiſe be at large and out of ſayntuary diſcharged or purged of that offence or cauſe, wherfore the ſame perſone toke ſayntuary, and afterwarde do committe other pety treaſon felony or manſlaughter by chaunce medly, and nat murder of malice prepenſed, and therbppon agayne take ſeyntuary for any ſuche petie treaſon felonye or manſlaughter by chaunce medly: the ſame perſon ſhall haue and enioye the priuilege of ſayntuary for that his or her other offence of pety treaſon felonye or manſlaughter by chaunce medly, as the ſame perſon moughte haue had before the makyng of this acte, any thyng in the ſame acte conteyned not withſtandyng.

¶ And ouer this for more ſpedy trials of murders & felonies, be it enacted by auctorite afore ſaied, that all maner of foreyne plees triable by the countrey hereafter to be pleded by any perſone or perſones arrayned vpon any enditemente for any pety treaſon murder or felony, ſhall be forthwith tried before the ſame Juſtices, afore whom ſuche perſons ſhall be arrayned, and by the ſame iurours of the ſame county that ſhall try the pety treaſon murder or felonye, whereof he ſhall ſo be arrained, without any further reſpite or delay, in what ſo euer countie or counties, place or places of this realme the matter of the ſame plees be ſuppoſed or alleged. And that no perſon arrained for any pety treaſon murder or felonye be from hens forthe admitted to any peremptorie chalenge aboue the nombre of. xx. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that no perſone or perſones be hereafter excluded or in any wiſe hurted to haue and enioye any priuelege of ſeintuary for any offence or offences, beyng of any hier nature in the lawe than the offences and cauſes ſpecified in this act be: but that euery perſone and perſones for

such offences of hyer nature may haue and enioye priuilege of saintuarie, in as free and lyberall maner and after suche forme, as they moughte haue do by the lawes and customes of the realme afore the makyng of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon for his spirituall subiectes. Cap. xv.

THE KYNGE OVR souerayne lorde, callyng to his blessed and moste gracious remembraunce, that his good and louyng subiectes, the moste Reuerende father in god the archbyshoppe of Canturbury, and other byshoppes, suffragannes, prelates, and other spyrituall persones of the prouynce of the archebyshoprych of Canturbury of this his realme of Englande, and the mynysters vnder wrytten, whiche haue exercised, practysed, or executed in spyrituall courtes, and other spirituall Jurisdyctions within the saied prouynce, haue fallen and incurred into dyuers daungers of his lawes by thynges doone, perpetrated, and commytted, contrary to the order of his lawes, and specially contrarie to the fourme of the statutes of prouisours, prouisions, and Premunire, and his highenesse hauyng alwaie tender eye with mercye pitie and compassion, towarde his saied spirituall subiectes, myndyng of his hyghe goodnesse and greatte benygnitee so alwaies to imparte the same vnto them, as Justyce beyng daily administred, all rigour be excluded, and the great and beneuolent myndes of his saied subiectes largely and many times approued towarde his highnesse, and specially in their conuocacion and Synode nowe presentlye beyng in the Chapiter howse of the monasterye of westmynster, by correspondence of gratitude to theym to be requited: of his mere mocion benygnitee and lyberalitee by auctoritee of this his parliament, hath gyuen and granted his lyberalle and free pardon to his saied good and louyng spirytuall subiectes, and the saied mynisters and to euery of theym to be had, taken, and enioyed to and by theym and euery of theym by vertue of this presente acte in maner and fourme ensewyng, that is to wytte: The kynges highnes of his saied benignitee and high lyberalitee, in consideracion that the saied archebyshop byshops and clergie of the saied prouynce of Canturbury in their saied conuocacion nowe beyng, haue gyuen and granted to hym a subsydie of one hundreth thousande poundes of lawfull moneye currant in this realme to bee leuied and collected by the saied clergie at their proper costes and charges, and to be payed in certayne fourme specifyed in theyr saied graunte thereof, is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it bee ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted by auctoritee of this his saied parliamente, that the mooste Reuerende father in god Wyllyam Archebyshoppe of Canturburye metropolytane and primate of all

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Englande, and all other bysshoppes and suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, priours, and theyr conuentes, and euery person of the same conuentes, and conuentes corporate, and euery persone of the same conuentes corporate, abbesses, prioresses, and relygiouse nunnes, and al other religious and spirituall persones deanes and chapiters, and other dignities of cathedralle and collegiall churches, prebendaries, canons, and pety cannons, vycars, and clerkes of the same, and euery persone of the same, all archedeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardeynes of colleges, and of collegyate churches, maysters, and wardeynes of hospytalles, all felowes, bretherne, scholers, prestes, and spirituall conductes, and euery of the same, and all vycars generall of dioses, chauncellours, commissaries, officialles, and deanes ruralles, and all ministers, hereafter generally rehersed of any spirituall courte or courtes within the saied prouince of Canturbury, that is to say, al iudges, aduocates, registers, and scribes, proctours constituted to iudgementes, and apparitours, and all other whiche within the saied prouynce of the archebyshopriche of Canturbury, at any tyme heretofore haue admynistred, exercysed, practysed, or executed in any iurisdictions within the saied prouynce, as offycers and ministers of the saied courtes, or haue bene mynisters or executours to the exercise or administracion of the same, and all and singular politike bodies spirituall, in any maner wise corporated, and all persones vycars curates chauntrie prestes, stipendaryes, and all and euery persone and persones spirytuall of the clergy of the said prouynce of Canturbury in this present acte of pardon hereafter not excepted, or to the contrary nat prouided for, by what so euer name or surname, name of dignite, preeminẽce, or office, thei or any of them be or is named or called, the successours, heires, executours, and administratours of them, & of euery of theym, shall be by auctoritee of this present pardon, acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged agaynst his highnesse, his heires, successours, and executours, and euery of them of al and all maner offences contemptes, and trespasses committed or done agaynst all and singular statute and statutes of prouisours, prouisions, and premunire, and euery of them, and of all forfaitures & titles that may growe to the kinges highnes by reason of any of the same statutes, and of all and singular trespasses wronges deceites misdemeanours forfaitures penalties and profites, sommes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecunyar, as generally of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, and exactions in this present acte, here after nat excepted nor forprised, whiche maie be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned before and to the tenth day of the moneth of March, in the .xxii. yere of his most noble reigne to euery of his said louyng subiectes that is to say, to the said archbishop, and other the said bishops suffraganes prelates abbottes priours & conuentes, and euery person of the same conuentes, and conuentes corporate, and euery person of the same conuẽtes corporate, abbesses, prioresses, nunnes, and spirituall persõs

in dignitee, and all other religious and spirituall persons, deanes, chapiters, prebendaries, canons, petye canons, vycars choralles, and clerkes, archedeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardeynes, felowes, bretherne, scholers, prestes, and spirituall conduytes, Chauncellours, vycars general of diocesis, commissaries, officials, deanes ruralles, all iudges, aduocates, registers, and scribes, proctours, and apparitours, which haue administred practised or executed any iurisdiction in any spirituall court within the saied prouynce, and to the said politike bodies, spirituall persons, vicars curates chantrie prestes, stipendaries, and to all and euery person and persons spirituall of the clergie of the saied prouynce, and to all and euery other person or persons before named.

¶ Also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that this saied free pardon, shall be as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his saied spirituall subiectes of the saied prouince, and to euerye of them, and to the saied ministers and euerye of them, and to all and euery of the said bodies corporate, and other persons before named, & to euery of them, by these generall wordes before rehersed, in all thyng, whiche be nat hereafter in this presente acte excepted, as the saied pardon shulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, and forfaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges nat hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, syngularly and plainly pardoned named rehersed & specified by proper or expresse wordes and names in their kyndes natures, and qualities in wordes and termes therunto requised in the saied pardon. And that his saied subiectes hereafter nat excepted, nor any of them, their saied ministers, successours, heyres, executours, nor administratours of any of them, nor any of theym, nor any of the saied bodies corporate, be nor shall be sued, vexed, nor inquieted in theyr bodies goodes landes nor cattalles for any maner matter cause contempte myssedemeanour forfayture trespas offence, or any ocher thynge suffered, done, or committed before the saied tenthe day of Marche agenste the kynges hyghnesse, his crowne, prerogatiue, lawes, statutes or dygnyty, but only for such causes matters and offences, as be specially and plainly rehersed in the exceptions forprises and prouisions in this presēt pardon hereafter mencioned and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or president heretofore made or vsed to the contrary in any wise nat withstandyng.

¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bounteouse lyberalitie, by auctoritee of this present parlyament graunteth and freely gyueth vnto his saied spirytuall subiectes, and theyr saied ministers, that is to saie, the saied archebysshoppe, and all other the saied bysshoppes, suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, prynours, conuentes, abbesses, prioresses, nunnes, and spirytuall persones in dygnitee, and all other religyouse and spirituall persones, deanes, chapiters, prebendaries canons, petye canons, vycars choralles, and

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clerkes, archedeacons, mayſters, prouoſtes, preſidentes, wardeynes, felowes, bretherne, ſcholers, prieſtis, ſpirituall conductes, Chauncellours, vycars general of dioceſſe, commiſſaries, officials, deanes, turalles, iudges, aduocates, regeſters, ſcribes, proctours, and apparitours, bodyes corporate, and politike bodies, ſpirituall perſones, vycars, curates, chaunterye prieſtes, ſtipendiaries, and to all other perſons, ſpirituall men and women of the clergy or ſpiritualtie of the ſaied prouynce, and to euery of them, all ſuch goodes, cattalles, fynes, iſſues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and ſummes of money by any of them forfaited, whiche to his highnes do or ſhulde belonge or appertayne by reaſon of any offence, contempte, myſdemeanour treſpas matter cauſe or quarell ſuffered done or committed by them or any of them before the ſaied tenthe day of Marche, whiche be nat hereafter ſpecially and plainly forprifed and excepted in this preſent act of pardon. And that all and euery of the ſaied ſpirituall ſubiectes, and their ſaied miniſters, and all and euery of the ſaid bodies corporate & other perſons before named, may by hym ſelfe or his or their atturney or attourneis, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade and miniſter this preſent act and fre pardon, for his or their diſcharge of and for euery thing that is ther by pardoned, without any fee or other thing therfore in any wiſe payeng to any perſon or perſons for pleadyng writyng or entree of iudgement, or for any other cauſe, concernyng the ſame, but onely .xii. d. to the clerke that ſhall enter the plee matter or iugement for his or their diſcharge in that behalfe, any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary nat withſtandyng.

¶ And furthermore the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritee of this preſent parliament, that his ſaid free pardon in all maner courtes of his lawes, and els where, ſhal be reputed demed iudged allowed and taken as wel in the wordes and clauſes of the exrepcions and forprifes ſpecified in this preſent pardon and acte, as in all and ſingular the other clauſes wordes and ſentences mencioned & reherſed in the ſaid free pardon, moſte beneficially and auailablye to all and ſingular his ſaied ſubiectes, and to euery of the ſaied bodies corporate, and polityke bodies ſpirituall, and to euery perſon ſpirituall of the ſaied clergie and ſpiritualtie, and to their ſaied miniſters and officers, and to all other perſones afore named, and to euery of them, and to the ſucceſſours, heires, executours, and miniſtratours of euery of them, and moſte ſtrongely in barre and diſcharge againſt his highneſſe, his heires, ſucceſſours, and executours in euery thing without obſtacle chalenge or other delaie what ſo euer it be, to be made, pleded obiected or alleged by the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, his heires, ſucceſſours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall attourney or attourneys, or by any other perſon or perſons for his hyghnes, or any of his heires ſucceſſours or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our ſouerayngne lorde, and by auctoritee of this preſēt parliament, that if any officer or clerk of any of his

high courtes comonly called the kinges benche, Chauncery, & cõmon place, or of his eschecker, or any other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme, after the feaste of Ester next cõmyng, make out or write out any maner of writtes or other proceſſe, or any extractes or other preceptes, wherby any perſone or perſones of his ſaid ſubiectes, or any of the ſaid bodies corporate, or politike bodies ſpiritual, or any of them, ſhal be in any wiſe arreſted attached diſtreined ſommoned or other wiſe vexed troubled or greued in his or their bodies landes tenemẽtes goodes or cattalles, or in any of them for or bycauſe of any maner of thynge acquited, pardoned, releaſed or diſcharged by this preſent acte of free pardon, he ſo offendyng and therof laufully condempned, ſhall yelde and paie for recompence thereof to the partie ſo greued or offended treble damages, accõpted as perel of thoſe damages all coſtes of the ſuite. And neuer the leſſe all and ſyngular ſuche writtes proceſſe extractes and preceptes after the ſaied feaſt of Ester to be made for or vpon any maner thyng acquited pardoned releaſed or diſcharged by this preſent act of free pardon, ſhall be vtterly voyd & of none effect.

¶ Excepted always and forprized out of this pardon al maner of high treſons, all prepenſed & voluntarie murders, all robberies of churches & roberies done vpon or to mẽs perſons, al other felonies & roberies by the comon lawe, of felonous takyng of money goodes and cattalles aboue the value of .xx.s. all felonies brennynges of houſes, all carnall rauiſchmentes of women, all rayſynge of recordes, all vtlaries of high treaſons, & of all maner of felonies other than felonies to the ſaied value of .xx.s. or vnder the ſome. And that all other outlawries had promulged vpon or ageynſte any of the kynges ſaied ſubiectes for any cauſe not beyng treaſon murder or felonye aboue the ſaied ſome of .xx.s, to be pardoned by the general wordes of this pardone aforeſaid, ſo alway that the ſame ſaid ſubiectes and euery of them ſo beyng outlawed, ſtand to ryght to anſwere or ſatisfie the party, at whoſe ſuite he is outlawed accordyng to the lawes of this realme.

¶ Alſo excepted and forprized out of this pardon all titles and accions of Quare impedit, and titles of preſentacions donacions and collacions to benefices and other promocions ſpirituall, whiche the kyng our ſoueraygne lord hath or is intitled to haue other than be growen ſhuld or might growe vnto our ſaied ſoueraygne lord by force or meane of any ſtatute or ſtatutes of prouiſours prouiſions or premunire.

¶ And alſo excepted and forprized out of this pardon all rauyſchementes of the kynges wardes, all waſtes of the kinges woddes in his foreſtes, parkes and chaſes, all conceylementes of cuſtomes and ſubſidies, all ryottes, rowtes, and vnlawfull aſſemblies committed and done aboue the nomber of twenty perſones.

¶ And alſo excepte all maner of alyenacions and gyftes into mortmayne, and all alienacions gyftes aſſygnementes wylles and lymittacions of vſes of any manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes

mentes to the vse of any maner mortmayne, and al intrusions hadde made or doone in or in to any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, sythen the feaste of the nativitie of our lorde god, in the.xxii. yere of the reygne of our saied soueraigne lorde, and also all offences cõmitted and done by dyggyng downe or castyng downe of any crosse or crosses, whiche stode or were sette in any common or high waie or waies, & all and singular dettes other than dettes growen vpon recognisances beyng all redye forfaicted for suertee of the peace, or for apparaunce at any daie or place.

¶ And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes and all actions suites and impetitions for the same accompte and arrerages of accomptes, and for the saied dettes or any of them hereby excepted and forprised, all homages and reliefes, all wilfull escapes, as well of conuictes as of other persones, dettes whiche were due to the mooste noble kynge of famous memorie kynge Henry the.vii. or to any persone or persones to his vse, by any condempnacion recognysaunce obligacion or other wyse, all and singular those forfaitures due to our soueraigne lorde kynge Henry the.viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche bee conuerted into the nature of dette by iugement or by agreement of the offendours before the said tenth daie of Marche, and all forfaitures and other penaltees and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seysour is made, or any informacion gyuen in the kynges escheker, or any sute commensed before the saied tenthe daie of Marche, or whereof the kynges highnes by his bylle signed or other wyse hath made any gyfte or assygnement to any of his seruantes, other than suche actions, suites, forfaitures, penaltees and profites growen or due, or whiche might growe or bee dewe to the kynges highnes by reason of any offence, contempte, or acte committed or done contrary to the saied statute of prouisours prouisions and Premunire or any of them.

¶ And also excepted all issues forfaited fines and amerciamentes affiered, taxed, sette, extreted, or iudged seuerally or particularly extendyng aboue the somme of. C.xx.s. And that all and singular other fynes, as well fynes prolicencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particularly extende nat aboue the saied somme of C.xx.s. whether they bee totted or nat totted, taken to the charge of the sheriffe or nat taken to his charge, extreted or not extreted, whether they be tourned into Dette or nat Dette, and nat beyng leuyed nor recepued by any sheriffe or sheriffes bailiffes, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully cretely and plainely pardoned and discharged to euery of the kynges subiectes before rehersed against the kynge our souerain lorde, his heires and successours for euer.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that in case hit bee obiected to anye Sheriffe, or Sherysses, or other accomptauntes in the

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kynges courte of his eſcheker, or in any other his courtes, that any ſheriffe or ſherykes, or other offycers accomptauntes hath or haue receyued or taken any ſuche kynes yſſues or amerciamentes before pardoned releaſſed or acquited: than euery ſuch ſherykke and ſherykkes and other accomptauntes ſhalbe diſcharged releaſſed pardoned and acquited thereof by his or theyr othe without any further triall in that behalfe.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act of free pardon ſhal not in any wiſe extend or be beneficiall or auayleable in any thyng to the reuerende father in god, Johñ archbyſhop of Deuelen nowe beyng in the kynges lande and domynion of Irelande, nor ſhall in any wyſe extend to pardon, diſcharge, releaſe, or acquite the byſhoppe of Hereforde, nor ſhall extende or be beneficiall to Peter Ligham clerke, Johñ Baker clerke, Adam Trauers clerke, Robert Clyffe clerke, Roulande Philyppes, and Thomas Pelles clerkes.

¶ Prouided alſo that this acte of pardon ſhall not extende or be preiudiciall to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, his heyres or ſucceſſours in any thyng concernyng or towchynge his ryghte and tytle of diſſoluction of the college beyng in the vniuerſitie of Oxforde, commonly called the Cardynalles college, whiche was lately founded by the late reuerende father in god, Thomas late Cardynall and archebyſhop of Yorke, nor concernyng the kynges right and title to the ſuite of the ſame college, nor ſhall extende or be in any wyſe beneficiall or auayleable to the deane and canons of the ſame college, or any of them in any thyng concernyng the kynges rightes and tytles in all manours, lordeſhyppes, landes, and tenementes, aduouſons, churches, perſonages, and other hereditamentes of the ſaied college or any of them.

¶ Prouided alſo, that allowance ſhall be hadde to the clergy of the ſaied prouince of Canturbery out of the ſaied ſomme of one hundrede thouſande poundes of all and ſyngular ſuche ſummes of money, as ſhall be reaſonably tared and aſſeſſed to be paied by the perſons afore named, beyng fully excepted and forpriſed out and from the benefitte of this free pardon, that is to ſaie, the ſaied archebyſhop of Deuelen, and the ſaied biſhoppe of Hereforde, and the ſaied Peter Ligham, Johñ Baker, Adam Trauers, Robert Clyffe, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Pelles, bycauſe that they and euery of them, ſhall not be contributours nor charged to the payement of the ſaied ſomme of one hundrede thouſande poundes.

¶ Prouided alſo that this act of free pardon ſhall nat extend nor be in any wyſe beneficiall to any clerke or other perſonne of the ſaied clergy or ſpiritualtie, beyng the ſaied tenthe date of Marche in the cuſtodye of the ſayed archebyſhoppe, or of any other ordinarie of the ſaied prouince, as a perſonne attaynted or conuicted by the lawes of this realme, of any murder, felony or other crime or offence for or concernyng deliueraunce out of the ſaied conuicte priſone, tyll that he ſhall haue made his pourgacion, accordynge to the lawes or cuſtomes vſed in that behalfe, or that he be thereof

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discharged by the kynges pardon or other lawfull meane.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte shal not extende nor in any wise be beneficiall or auayleable to any spirituall persone, spirytuall bodye corporated or polityke, or other spirituall persone, hauyng any dignitie, benefyce, promocion, or other spirituall lyuelode, within the prouince of Yorke, other than to euery of theym, whyche by his or theyr particular obligacion to be made in due and perfecte fourme of the lawe, accordyng to the effecte of a note or minute vnder written, doo bynde him or theim selfe before the laste daie of May nexte commyng, in certayne reasonable somme of money, nat excedynge the somme of two yeres value of his or their dignitees, benefyces promocions or other spirituall lyuelode, beynge or lyenge within the saied prouince of Yorke, to syr Bryan Tuke knyght, tresorer of the kynges moste honorable chamber, Christopher Hales the kynges generall attourney, and Baldewyn Malette the kynges Sollicitour, or to the ouer lyuers or ouer lyuer of them, or to any other lyke Tresourer, Atturney, or Sollicitour for the tyme beyng, or to any two of them, to be paied to the kinges vse, vpon certayne condicions specified in the saied note or minute, the whiche note or minute herafter ensueth.

NOVERINT vniuersi per presentes me Ioannem A. de T. in comitatu Mid Clericum teneri et firmiter obligari, Briano Tuke militi, Thesaurario camere domini Regis, Christophoro Hales generali attornato eiusdem domini Regis, et Baldwino Malette Solicitatori ipsius domini Regis, in libris legalis monete Anglie soluend. eisdem Briano, Christophoro, et Baldwino, aut eorum vni, execut. vel assignatis suis, ad vsum domini Regis in festo sancti Bertholomei apostoli prox. futur. post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solutionem. et. c. In cuius rei testimonium. &c. Datum die Anno regni domini Henrici octaui dei gratia Anglie et Francie regis, fidei defensoris & domini Hibernie.

¶ The condicion of this obligacion is suche, that where the moste Reuerend father in god Willyam Archebishop of Canturbery Metropolytane and primate of all Englande, and other prelates, and the clergie of the prouince of Canturbury in their synodal conuocacion begon in the Cathedral churche of saincte Paule of London, in the. v. day of Nouember in the yere of our lorde god. M. CCCCCxxix. and lately for certaine vrgente causes proroged vnto the chapiter house set within the monastery of saynct Peter of westminster, haue granted to our said soueraine lorde the kyng a subsidie of one hundrede thousand poundes of currant money within this Realme, to be leuied and collected of the goodes and possessions ecclesiasticall of the same prouince, and to be paied to our saied souerayne lorde in fyue yeres from and after the feaste of the Annunciacion of our lady saincte Mary last past in certayne fourme specified in the graunt of the same subsidie, If the before bounden Johñ A. his executours or assygnes do paie or cause to be

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payed to the collectour or collectours of ſuche ſubſidie, as hereafter ſhalbe granted to the kynges highnes by the byſſhops and other prelates and the clergie of the prouynce of Yorke in the Synodall conuocacion of the ſame byſſhoppes prelates and clergie to be holden or kept in the ſame prouince, as muche and as many of all and ſingular thoſe ſommes of money, whiche ſhall be aſſyſed taxed and ſette for and vpon the ſaied Johñ A. for and vpon thoſe ſpirituall dygnitees benefices lyuelode and other ſpyrytualle poſſeſſions and promocions, whiche the ſame Johñ A. nowe hath in the ſame prouynce of Yorke, as by the ſame Johñ A. or his executours ſhalbe due to be payed accordyng to the fourme and effecte of the ſame graunte hereafter to be made. And in caſe that noo ſuche ſubſidie ſhall be graunted to the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, by the ſaied byſſhoppes prelates and clergie of the ſaied prouince of Yorke before the feaſte of ſaincte Mychaell tharcaungell nexte commyng, or that a ſubſidie ſhall bee graunted to the kynge by the ſame byſſhoppes prelates and clergie before the ſame feaſte, whiche ſubſidie ſhall not extende or amounte to ſuche lyke rate and porcion for the prouynce of Yorke in comparyſon of the ſaied ſomme of one hundreth thouſande poundes currant money of Englande nowe graunted vnto the kynges hyghnes by the ſaied clergie of the ſaied prouynce of Canturbery, as the ſubſydie laſte graunted to his hyghnes by the prelates and clergie of the prouynce of Yorke in their conuocacion begon the .xxii. daye of Marche, the yere of our lorde .M.D.xxii. and afterwarde proroged to weſtminſter, was in comparyſon to the rate and porcion of the ſubſidy grãted to his hyghnes by the prelates and clergie of the prouynce of Canturbury in their conuocacion begone at Paules churche in London the .v. daie of Nouember, the yere of our lorde M.D.xxix. than if the ſaied Johñ A. or his executours dooe paye or cauſe to be paied to the Treaſourer of the kynges chaumber for the tyme being for all his ſaied ſpirituall dignitees benefyces lyuelode and other ſpirituall poſſeſſions and promocions being or lyeng in the ſaid prouince of Yorke ſuche and lyke ſommes of money after the rates of the yerely values of the ſaime his ſpirituall dignitees benefyces lyuelode poſſeſſions, and promocions, as the ſame Johñ A. or any other ſpyrituall perſon or ſpiritual body corporated or politike ſhal pay for and in contribucion to the paiment of the ſaid ſubſidie of one hundred thouſande poundes graunted by the ſaid clergie of the ſaied prouince of Canturburye for other ſpirituall other ſpirituall dignitees benefices lyuelode and poſſeſſions and promocions beyng of lyke yerely values, and being or lyenge within the ſame prouynce of Canturbery, and in the ſame feaſtes within the ſaied fiue yeres to be payde, In which the ſaied ſubſidie of one hundrede thouſaunde poundes is graunted to be paide: than this preſent obligacion ſhalbe voide and of none effecte, orles it ſhall ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue.

An acte concernyng the kynges generall pardon for his temporall subiectes. cap. xvi.

The kyng our soueraygne lorde, hauyng alwaye moste tender zele fauour and affection vnto his moste louyng temporall and laye subiectes of this his realme of Englande and of Wales Caleys and marches of the same, and inwardely remembryng the manyfolde greate offences transgressions and contemptes perpetrated committed and done by diuers and many of the saied temporall and laye subiectes agaynste his highnesse his crowne regally and iurisdiction royall, contrary to the statutes of prouisions prouisours and premunire: by reason whereof they soo offendynge haue incurred into the daungers and penaltees of the same statutes, in such wise that if his highnes wolde attempt or pursue those his saied temporall and laye subiectes by the proces and course of his lawes, they shulde therby not onely forfaite and lese their landes tenementes goodes and cattals, but also they shulde be out of his gracious protection: His royall maiestee moued with moste tender pitye loue and compassion, and not myndyng to vse and extende all and synguler his penall lawes vppon his subiectes, but as consideracion shall moue his grace, so in parte or in hole to remitte and mitigate the rygour of the same: of his mere motion and of his benignitie special grace pitie and liberalite hath giuen and graunted and by auctorite of this present parliament gyueth and granteth to all and singuler his temporall and laye subiectes and temporall bodyes politike and corporated, and to euery of them his most gracious generall and free pardon of and for all and all maner offences transgressions and contemptes commytted perpetrated or done agaynste the saied statutes of prouisours prouisions and Premunire, or any of them before the thirteth daye of Marche, in the. xxii. yere of his most noble reygne, and all forfaytures, penalties, iudgementes, execucion and peines for the saied offences transgressions and contemptes, and euery of them.

And furthermore be it enacted by auctoritee of this parliament, that all and synguler processes suites prosecutions, and impeticions in any wyse hereafter to be awarded or made agaynst any of his sayde temporall subiectes, or agaynst any of the saied temporall bodies politike and corporated for or vpon any of the said offences, transgressions, or contemptes commytted or done before the saied. xxx. daie of Marche, shallbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

God saue the kyng.

Tho. Berthelet regius impressor excudebat.
CVM PRIVILEGIO.